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DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN SLOVENSKE VESTI

Skupno božičnico z obdarovanjem otrok priredijo podporna društva v Gowandi, N. Y., v četrtek 22. decembra. Med temi društvami sta tudi dve društvi JSKJ. Božičnica se bo vršila v Slovenskem domu na Palmer St.

V Braddocku, Pa., se bo v petek 23. decembra vršila božičnica z obdarovanjem otrok, katero priredejo za svoje mladinske člane tamkajšnje društvo št. 31 JSKJ. Prireditev se bo vršila v Hrvatskem domu in se bo pričela ob šesti uri zvečer.

Slovenska društva in klub v Sharonu, Pa., med njimi tudi društvo št. 174 JSKJ, priredijo skupno božičnico z igro, petjem in obdarovanjem otrok v soboto 24. decembra. Prireditev se bo vršila v tamkajšnjem Slovenskem domu in se bo pričela ob 7. uri zvečer.

Plesna zabava društva št. 233 JSKJ v Ludlowu, Colo., se bo vršila v soboto 24. decembra zvečer. Druga plesna zabava istega društva se bo vršila v nedeljo 1. januarja zvečer.

V Chisholmu, Minn., priredijo tamkajšnje društvo št. 30 JSKJ božičnico z obdarovanjem otrok svojega mladinskega oddelka v soboto 24. decembra. Prireditev se bo vršila v Mahnetovi dvorani in se bo pričela ob 2. uri popoldne.

Božična darila v gotovini dobitjo vsi člani mladinskega oddelka društva št. 2 JSKJ v Elyu, Minn., v soboto 24. decembra. Darila bo delil društveni tajnik na svojem domu.

Miklavžovo obdarovanje otrok svojega mladinskega oddelka priredijo v nedeljo 25. decembra društvo št. 148 JSKJ. Prireditev se bo vršila v Slovenskem domu v Hackettu, Pa., in se bo pričela ob 3. uri popoldne.

Štefanova veselica društva št. 26 JSKJ v Pittsburghu, Pa., se bo vršila na Štefanovo 26. decembra zvečer v Slovenskem domu na 57. cesti.

Štiridesetletnico J. S. K. Jednote bo proslavilo društvo št. 16 JSKJ v Johnstownu, Pa., z veselico, katero priredi v svoji lastni dvorani v Morrellvillu na včer 31. decembra. Pri tisti priliki bo nastopil tudi Miklavž, ki bo obdaroval otroke.

V Keewatinu, Minn., se bo na včer 31. decembra vršila veselica tamkajšnjega društva št. 109 JSKJ.

Prihodnje zborovanje federacije društva JSKJ v državi Ohio se bo vršilo v nedeljo 1. januarja v S. N. Domu v Clevelandu, Ohio. Pričetek zborovanja bo ob 10. uri dopoldne.

Federacija društva JSKJ za države Illinois, Wisconsin in Indiana bo zborovala v nedeljo 8. januarja v Jolietu, Ill. Po zborovanju se bo vršila zabava z bogatim vzporedom.

V naselbini Strabane, Pa., bodo mladinski člani društva št. 149 JSKJ v nedeljo dne 8. januarja vprizorili zanimivo mladinsko igro, nakar bo sledilo Miklavžovo obdarovanje otrok. Po končanem vzporedu bo prosta

INOZEMSTVA

BOLJSE RAZPOLOŽENJE Boljše razpoloženje in več sodelovanje se obeta med reprezentanti vlade, kapitala in delavstva težje delželi. Administracija baje nima v načrtu važnih novih postav, ampak po večini le izboljšanja obstoječih. Industrija priznava zabolode preteklosti in napoveduje večje upoštevanje delavstva in splošnega občinstva. Unijsko delavstvo avto s svoje strani pa izpoljuje strogo izpolnjevanje sklenjenih pogodb z delodajalcem.

RESIGNACIJE

Zvezni trgovinski tajnik Daniel C. Roper je podal svojo resignacijo, ki stopi v veljavno 23. Decembra. Roper je star 71 let in ni bil posebno uspešen na svojem mestu. Ze pred njim pa je naznanih svoj izstop iz kabine tega zvezni generalni pravnik Homer S. Cummings. Njegova resignacija stopi v veljavno s 1. januarjem. Predsednik Roosevelt bo torej v novem letu dobil najmanj dva nova člana v svoj kabinet.

NOVE LADJE

Ameriška trgovinska mornarica se je v tekočem letu povečala za lepo število novih ladij različnih tipov in še živahnejša gradnja ladij se obeta v prihodnjem letu. Izgrajenih bo več novih potniških parnikov in nekatih, ki bodo deloma tovorni, deloma potniški in ki jih bo mogoče v primeru vojne izpremeniti v vojne ladje.

KONFERENCA V LIMI

Panameriška konferenca v mestu Limi, Peru, kjer je zastopanih vseh 21 republik na ameriškem kontinentu, posluje v splošnem zelo sporazumno. Časniški reporterji poročajo, da delegati na konferenci kažejo jasno razumevanje fašistične in nacijske nevarnosti in da so odločeni sodelovati pri vsakem praktičnem načrtu, ki naj onemogoči poseganje evropskih diktatorjev na ameriški kontinent.

VOJNI DOLGOVI

Dne 15. decembra, ko je zapadel polletni obrok odplačila vojnih dolgov Zedinjenim državam, je sama republika Finska plačala svoj obrok, kot po navadi. Druge države, katerih skupni polletni obroki presegajo 16 milijonov dolarjev, so enostavno izjavile, da ne morejo plačati. Skupni nepokriti vojni dolg evropskih držav Ameriki znaša nad 13 tisoč milijonov dolarjev.

TAKO SE GOVORI!

V San Franciscu so pretekli teden zastavali unijski ladijski nakladalci, ki bi bili imeli naložiti grški parnik Spyross s starem železjem za Japonsko. Izjavili so, da je tisto staro želeso namenjeno za izdelavo japonske municie in da ne bodo pomagali kapitalistom kovati dobičkov iz kitajske krvi. Novozivljeni californijski podgoverner Ellis E. Patterson je povabil stavkarje in pikete, ki so se na ta način izrazili proti japonskemu banditstvu.

UKRAJINA-MANČUKUO

Kakor je pred par leti Japonska odtrgala od Kitajske veliko provinco Mandžurijo in jo načrnila za svojo vazalno državo

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TRDOŽIVE RASTLINE

IZPREMENJENI VZHOD

V pozni jeseni in v zimskem času, ko so v večini držav naše Unije drevesa gola, pokrajine pa rjave ali s snegom pokrite, je na prostem le malo rastlin, ki bi kazale znake življenja. Posebno rezen je v tem oziru na srednji zapad. Na severu, na zapadu in po nekaterih delih vzhoda rasto v obilici smreke, borovci in drugo iglasto drevje, ki je zeleno poleti in pozimi. V južnih državah uspeva južno rastlinstvo, ki je zeleno vse leto. Po srednjem zapadu je najti le malo iglastega drevja, listnato drevje pa izgubi listje ob prem pojavi slane ali še prej. Hrastovo drevje sicer včasih obdrži listje vso zimo, toda to listje je rjava, suho in mrtvo.

Najdalje se v teh krajih upirajo slani in zimi nekaterih vrst vrbe. Ko je vse drugo bolj upoštevano drevje okoli že popolnoma golo, se plebejska vrba kosači še v polnem poletnem zelenilu. Sele prav hud mraz jo primora, da se poda in odloži poletno obleko. Pa tudi spomladje je vrba med prvimi dresesi, ki si upa ozeleneti.

Po vrtovih ohranijo zeleno listje vso zimo rododendron, božje drevce (holly), oregonsko grozdje in lovor, kateri grmiči sicer niso doma v teh krajih, toda se znajo prilagoditi podnebju in uspešno kljubujejo zimni. Do neke mere ostaja zeleno pozimi tudi za žive meje porabljano grmičje privet, katero smo na Slovenskem imenovali kozja preslica.

Seveda ni vse modernizirano. Starci načini življenja, obleke in transportacije se krizem mešajo z novimi. Poleg letal, avtomobilov in železnic se za prometna sredstva še vedno rabijo kamele in oslički. Modernizacija se najbolj opazi v hitro rastnih mestih in v bližini olnjih vrelcev. Prodira sicer tudi v poljedelske in puščavske kraje, pa boj počasi.

Moderne ceste za avtomobile tečejo mnogokrat vzporedno s stezami, po katerih so hodili Asirci, Hititi in Egipčani tisoč let pred Rimljani in križarji.

Zitna polja, oranžni nasadi in vinogradi današnje Palestine spominjajo na južno California. Celo slog novih poslopij sliči kalifornijskemu.

Novo, stoprocentno židovsko mesto Tel Aviv je prav tako moderno kot vsako ameriško mesto. To mesto s 150,000 prebivalci je socialno in intelektualno središče židovstva. Žide iz vseh delov sveta so prispevali za gradnjo istega.

Zidje, ki so se priselili v svojo nekdajno domovino iz vseh delov sveta, se bayijo z vsemi poklici, od trgovine do kmetijstva. In videti so zadovoljni. Žal, da je dežela premajhna in tudi pre malo rodotvorna, da bi mogla sprejeti vse Žide iz držav, kjer so izpostavljeni preganjanju; pa tudi Arabci se upirajo večemu židovskemu priseljevanju. Ce bi se bilo teh zaprek, bi se dalo današnje svetovno židovsko vprašanje prav enostavno in zavoljivo rešiti.

Oskrba božičnih cvetlic

Marsikatera hišna gospodinja želi ohraniti rastote cvetlic, ki so bile poslane kot božična darila, kar najdalje v dobrem stiku z vrtnico, ampak je daljna sorodnica zlatnic. V starem kraju se menda nične ne briga za to zanimivo zimsko cvetlico, iz jemno otrok, ki se veselijo njenega zgodnjega cvetja. Bržkone je prezirana zato, ker v obilici raste po strminah in pašnikih. Ameriški vrtnarji pa to zim

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ZA BODOČE RODOVE

ODMEVI IZ RODNIH KRAJEV

Bližnji vzhod, kakor včasih imenujemo Palestino in sosedne kraje, znane iz biblije, je do nekaj neizpremenljivega. Potekala so setega stoletja se bodo najbrž že dolgo pred tem zrušila v prah. Na naših sedanjih aeroplano, avtomobilov, orodja, pohištva, knig in časopisov ne bo ostalo niti koščeka. Ljudje, ki bodo na tem planetu živelii leta 8113, bodo imeli zelo medle pojme o naši sedanjici civilizaciji.

Na primer, ob reki, kjer je po židovski trditvi faraonova hčerka našla v ločku malega Mozeza, je najti zdaj filmske družke, v katerih sodelujejo temnoke arabske zvezde.

Okoli Oljske gore v Palestini postavljajo moderni mladiči primitive veterne miline, da jim producirajo elektriko za njihove radio aparate.

Latala, ki plujejo med Anglijo in Avstralijo, pristajajo na Galilejskem jezeru, da se založijo z gasolinom.

Preko Iraka drživo brzi in komfortni vlaki proti Babilonu. V Bagdadu so najbolj zaposleni možje ameriški inženirji, ki instalirajo naprave za hlajenje zraka v poslopijih. Šah Irana ali Perzije je izdal ukaz, da se morajo vsi njegovi podaniki obvezati z vkladanjem tega zgodovinskega materiala v to podzemsko shrambo. Ko bo shramba napolnjena, bodo iz iste izsesali ves zrak in jo napolnil z dušikovim plinom, nakar jo bodo nepridružno zaprli in zapetili. Na vrativi iz nerjavacega jekla bo vklesano navodilo, da se naj shramba odpre še leta 8113. Ta datum je bil izbran, ker bo prav tako daleč oddaljen od današnjega časa kot je, nazaj štečo, prva rekordirana izvoz v Nemčijo.

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Majeve te današnje zgodovine bo rekordirane na posebnih filmih. Ti rekordi bodo vloženi v steklene posode in praznino okoli njih napolnjena s plinom, ki bo preprečil razpadanje. Steklene posode bodo nato nepridružno zaprte in vložene v čevelj dolge skrinje iz nerjavacega jekla in v istih obložene z azbestom. To bo potem vloženo v posebne blagajne iz zelo močne kovinske zlitine, ki bodo zmožne brez škod prenesti zelo visok pritisk. S takimi skrinjami, vsebujočimi kar mogoče natančno sliko današnjih časov, bo podzemsko shrambo napolnjena in nato nepridružno zaprta.

Kaj, če se v bodočih šestih stoletjih popolnoma pozabi kje je ta shramba? Tudi na to so mislili učenjaki. Točna označba kraja bo vgravirana na kovinske ploščice, ki bodo shranjene v vseh večjih muzejih in knjižnicah sveta ter celo v templjih in samostanh Tibeta, Kitajske in Indije. Verjetno je, da bo tako vsaj ena teh direktiv prišla v roke bodočih znanstvenikov in raziskovalcev.

Ko je, se bodo v bodočih šestih stoletjih popolnoma pozabili kje je ta shramba? Tudi na to so mislili učenjaki. Točna označba kraja bo vgravirana na kovinske ploščice, na katerih bodo vgravirani razni predmeti in označbe za iste, stroj pa bo pri pogonu izgoril dotično besedo kot gramofon. Tako bo na primer ploščica pokazala 'sliko jabolka, zraven bo napisana beseda "apple" in stroj bo "izgoril" besedo "apple."

V tisti podzemski shrambi bodo zvočni filmi z glasovi znamenitih oseb današnjega časa, naše fotografije najboljih umetnikov, stoltna zgodovina Zelenčevič in njegov 95-letni sosednik Radule Žečević. Prica sta vsak zase, vendar sta se kot nasprotnika skupno vrnila proti domu. Pod Komovskimi vrhom

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VSAK PO SVOJE

Vse govori o miru, vse ga priznava, vse se zavzema zanj. Že vrsto let ni bilo nobenih vojnih napovedi. V Španiji in na Kitajskem se vojskujejo kar tako za zabavo, brez napovedi vojne, sašimo da se ne krši sveti mir! Tudi Italijani so na sličen način postopali v Etiopiji. Mir se mora ohraniti za vsako ceno, pa mardi, če bi bilo treba v to svrhu pobiti vse Etiopce, vse Špance in vse Kitajce!

V Nemčiji je bilo pred dnevi na radio razglaseno, da se gospodinjam ni treba batiti pomanjkanja živil. Zelja in repe je v obilici. Seveda sta tudi zelje in repa dobra, če ni česa drugega za pod zob, toda božične gostje ob zelju in repu ne bodo posebno razigrane. Morda bodo produciranje mira, toda ne dobre volje.

POLITIK UMRL

V Zagrebu je v starosti 75 let umrl dr. Ante Trumbić, bivši predsednik Jugoslavenskega odbora v Londonu, sopsodnik kraljeve deklaracije in prvi zunanji minister Jugoslavije.

IZVOZ LESA

Izvoz lesa iz Jugoslavije je bil v prvih desetih

Popoln uspeh enoletnega praznovanja

Letos je naša Jednota proslavljala 40. letnico svoje ustanovitve. Še nobena obletnica ni bila na tako veličasten način proslavljena, kot je bila 40. obletnica, in še nobene jubilejne proslave se ni udeležilo toliko članstva in drugega občinstva, kot se je udeležilo naših letošnjih proslav. Skoraj sleherno društvo je letošnji jubilej proslavilo na en ali drugi način. V nekaterih krajinah so se vršili pikniki, v drugih veselice, po nekod banketi, itd. Smeli trdim, da se je proslav udeležilo od 75 do 100 tisoč članov in drugega občinstva. Samo na proslavi v Elyu, Minnesota, je bilo nad 3000 ljudi.

In kaj to pomeni? To pomeni, da se je naša Jednota uveljavila, dvingila do višje stopnje, ne samo med svojim članstvom, marče tudi med nečlanom. To pomeni, da jednotin ugled raste, da je njeno ime spošтовano in njeno plemenito in pošteno delo povsod odobravano in priznano. Velika udeležba od strani nečlanov, po večini mladih, se lahko smatra za dokaz, da se za našo organizacijo zanimajo in da bodo tudi oni prej ali sicer postali člani naše Jednote.

Zasluga, da se je tako veliko število nečlanov udeležilo naših proslav, gre v prvi vrsti naši tukaj rojeni mladini. To mladino ne smemo več imenovati mladino, kajti iz nje so že postali možje in žene, ki v izkušnjah, v sposobnostih in tudi v narodni zavesti prekašajo marsikaterega izmed nas, ki smo prišli iz starega kraja. To niso več tisti brezbržni fantje in dekleta, za katere smo se vedno bali, da ne bodo sposobni prevzeti in upravljati našo zapršino; to niso več fantje in dekleta, o katerih smo dvomili, da bi bili kdaj zadostno interesirani, da bi z uspehom nadaljevali pred 40 leti započeto delo naše Jednote. To so sedaj možje in žene, ki jemijo življenje za resno, ki vidijo v sebi moči, katere Jednota potrebuje za svoj napredok in obstoj, možje in žene, ki se v polni meri zavedajo svojih dolžnosti napram svoji Jednoti.

Od kar sem pred sedmimi leti zapustil Pittsburgh ter prevzel vodstvo glavnega tajništva se je naša mladina čudovito spremnila. To sem imel priliko opaziti, ko sem letos obiskal nekaj naših naselbin, kjer so naša društva stavila 40-letnico Jednote. Moj prvi obisk je bil v Clevelandu. Tam se je konci meseca aprila vršila običajna letna keglaška tekma, katere se je udeležilo nad 1000 članov in drugih interesiranih oseb. Tekma se je vršila po dobro sestavljenem redu in igralci so bili večinoma naši tukaj rojeni fantje in dekleta. Opazil sem med njimi iskreno in odkritiščno razpoloženje; prijaznost in gostoljubnost ste opazili na obrazu vsakega igralca in igralke in navzoč je bil tudi nekakšen upravičen ponos, da so vsi člani in članice močne in dobro situirane slovenske podporne organizacije. Po zaključeni keglaški tekmi se je v Slovenskem narodnem domu vršil banket v počast 40-letnice Jednote, katerega se je udeležilo nad 300 gostov. Vse je bilo v oskrbi naše mladine, stolovrateljstvo, kuhinja, serviranje in sploh vse kar je v zvezi z banketi, in vse je prav imenitno izpadlo. V resnicah, vse se mi je tako dopadol in dopadol se je tudi navočim materam in očetom, ki so z veseljem in ponosom sledili vsemi kretnji njih nastenkov.

Iz Clevelandu sem odpotoval v Barberton, kjer sem posestil sejo društva št. 44. Spremljal me je glavni nadzornik Janko N. Rogelj. Seja je bila klub gotovim zaprekam dobro obiskan in najmanj polovico navzočih članov so tvorili naši tukaj rojeni fantje in dekleta. To je dokaz, da se za organizacijo zanimajo, kajti kdor prihaja na seje, temu je organizacija pri srecu.

Iz Barbertona sem odpotoval v Conemaugh, Pa., kjer sem imel sestanek z uradnikami in člani društev v Johnstownu, Conemaughu in v bližnjih naseljih. Na sestanku so bili dobro zastopani starci in mlađi in sviralo nam je sobrata Turka privatni orkester. Ta orkester obstoji iz sobrata Turka, tajnika društva št. 36 in zapisnikarja 15. redne konvencije, ter njegovih dveh sinov, Roberta in Thomasa, ki sta še oba v mladinskem oddelku. Robert je bil tudi delegat 2. mladinske konvencije. To je bil imeniten pričaz. Prav niti se ne čudim, če je sobrat Turk tako rad doma, saj mu njegova dva sinova lahko delata zabavo, kakoršne ne more najti nikjer drugod.

Po sestanku v Conemaughu, Pa., smo imeli shod društev v Exportu, Delmontu, Greensburgu in drugod, ki se je vršil v Slovenski dvorani na White Valley. Na shodu je bilo do malega 500 oseb, po večini mladine. Bili so to večinoma naši člani in članice, ki so se povabilu za na shod prav radi odzvali. Pred leti bi jih bilo možče dobiti en ducat.

Prav častna za Jednoto, kakor tudi za naselbino samo, je bila proslava jednotine 40-letnice, katero sta skupno priredili društvi št. 66 in št. 92, prvo s sedežem v Jolietu, drugo v sosednjem Rockdalnu. Tudi tam je bil poset prireditev sijanjen in tudi tam sem imel srečo, da sem se sestal z mnogimi našimi starimi koreninami, ki tvorijo čvrste stebre naše Jednote v tamkajšnji okolici, in tudi tam sem srečal lepo število mladih moči, ki navdušeno pomagajo starejšim pri njihovem jednotinem delu, in dokazujejo, da bodo povsem zmožni in kompetentni zavzeti v svojem okrožju rodilna mesta, kadar bo zahtevala potreba.

Tudi shod v Pittsburghu, ki se je vršil na večer veselice, ki je priredila v Slovenskem domu Zveza JSKJ društva v zapadni Pensilvaniji, je bil prav dobro obiskan. Tudi tam je bila naša mladina dobro zastopana. Isto velja za Lorain, Ohio, kjer sem posestil sejo Ohijske federacije in kjer je bilo prvečjne število tukaj rojenih delegatov in posetnikov. Ravno tako sem našel izredno veliko zanimanja med našo mladino v Denveru, kjer je pa ravno na dan in večer proslave bila silna povodenj, da skoraj nihče ni mogel iz hiše, kaj sele iz sosednjih naselbin. Klub silni povodnji pa so prišli k proslavi tajnik JSKJ federacije v Colorado, sobrat Lipek z družino, sestra Mary Keržišnik s sinom in hčerko iz Rock Springsa, Wyo., in Mrs. Angela Pishler, vdova po umrlem glavnem tajniku Josipu Pishlerju, iz tega kraja. Kdor si v takem trenutku upa z doma, temu se mora dati priznanje.

Gotovo so tudi drugi glavni odborniki, ki so tekom letošnjega leta posestili razne naselbine, imeli iste izkušnje kot jaz. Gotovo so tudi oni opazili izboljšanje položaja z ozirom na našo mladino in prav je, da smo o tem informirani. Denar, ki ga je glavni odbor potrošil za posiljanje svojih članov na razne društvene slavnosti je bil dobro investiran in bo prinesel Jednoti obilo koristi. Za upravnike Jednote je potrebno, da vedo za sentiment starejšega in mlajšega članstva, kajti le na ta način si zamorejo usmeriti pot, ki bo Jednoto dovedla še do večjega napredka.

Letošnji jubilej Jednote je članstvo proslavilo tudi potom številnih dopisov in kronik, ki so bili tedensko priobčevani v Novi

Dobi. Vse je pisarilo, mledo in staro, malo in veliko. V sako številkovo letošnje Nove Dobe bi se lahko smatralo za jubilejno izdajo, kajti vsako številko so dopisniki posvetili jednotinemu jubileju.

Eto, to so dokazi, da je naša Jednota tako pri življenju in da je deležna priznanja in kreditu povsed, kamor sega njen delokrog. Vse to me dela tudi optimističnega z ozirom na veliko člansko kampanjo, ki se bo pričela takoj po novem letu. To leto smo se bolj posvetili jubilejnemu proslavljaju pripravljaju novega članstva, s 1. januarjem 1939 bomo šli pa zopet na delo. Celo leto smo oglasili naše blago, po 1. januarju 1939 ga bomo pa začeli prodajati. Prospektivnim članom smo v stanu ponuditi najbolj popularne police ali certifikate bodisi z ozirom na smrtnino ali druge podpore. Solventnost naše Jednote in 40 let poštenega poslovanja jamči vsakemu prospektivnemu članu prvoravnostno posrežbo. Sli bomo ne same med Slovence in ostale Slovance, ampak tudi med druge narodnosti belega plemena, ki so dobrega in posetenega značaja in ki verujejo v principe fraternalizma. Tudi njim so naša vrata odprtia, kajti pri nas je dobrodošel vsak, ki je tudi za svojeg bližnjega pripravljen storiti nekaj dobrega.

Prav veselle božične praznike in srečno novo leto želim vsem članom in članicam J. S. K. Jednote.

ANTON ZBASNIK,
glavni tajnik JSKJ.

Društveni tajniki, pozor!

JAKO VAŽNO!

Tem potom se uradno naznana, da bomo v bodoče zahtevali zdravniško preiskavo kandidatov za članstvo v mladinskem oddelu samo v državah New York, Ohio in Idaho.

V vseh drugih državah se otrokom ne bo treba podvreči zdravniški preiskavi.

TO POMENI, DA SE TUDI V DRŽAVI MINNESOTI NE BO TREBA OTROKOM PODVRECI ZDRAVNISKI PREISKAVI.

Zahtevalo se pa bo, da bo moral biti vsak kandidat za članstvo v mladinskem oddelku obiskan od enega izmed društvenih uradnikov, predno bo sprejet v društvo. Uradnik, ki bo otroka obiskal, naj se na prošnji podpiše za prico.

Pri izpolnjevanju prošnje za sprejem v mladinski oddelk naj se društveni tajniki poslužujejo izključno in edinole novih formatov, ki so znani kot "Form 2." Pazi naj se pri tem, da bo vsekod vprašanje na prvi strani prošnje točno in ako le mogoče v angleščini odgovorjeno. Naj se obenem ne pozabi izpolnit državne poštrdila na drugi strani prošnje, spodaj.

Z bratskim pozdravom,

ANTON ZBASNIK,
glavni tajnik.

SEZONSKA VOŠČILA

Vsem članom in članicam obeh oddelkov J. S. K. Jednote želim najveselicje božične praznike, v prihodnjem letu pa želim vsem skupaj polno mero srečo, zdravja, zadovoljstva in bratske užajnosti. Naši Jednoti pa želim obilo uspeha v prihodnji kampanji.

PAUL BARTEL, glavni predsednik.

Veselle božične praznike in srečno novo leto želim vsem članom glavnega in porotnega odbora in vsem ostalem članstvu J. S. K. Jednote!

FRANK OKOREN, tretji gl. podpredsednik.

Sezonske pozdrave posiljam in vse najboljše želim za božič in novo leto vsem glavnim in porotnim odbornikom, vsem društvenim odbornikom in vsemu članstvu J. S. K. Jednote.

FRANK TOMSICH, JR., pomožni glavni tajnik.

Iskrena sezonska voščila vsem, kar nas je v občestvu naše dobre in močne J. S. K. Jednote!

LOUIS CHAMPA, glavni blagajnik.

Veselle božične praznike ter srečno in zdravo novo leto vsem članom J. S. K. Jednote!

DR. F. J. ARCH, vrhovni zdravnik.

Z vsem najboljšim, kar ima sezonska sreča v zalogi, naj za božič in za vse dni prihodnjega leta obsnje celokupno članstvo J. S. K. Jednote!

JOHN KUMŠE, predsednik gl. nadzornega odbora.

Prisrčna voščila za veselle božične praznike ter zdravo in ugodno novo leto izrekam pri tej priliki vsem glavnim in porotnim odbornikom (odbornicem), vsem društvenim uradnikom in uradnicam in vsemu članom in članicam J. S. K. Jednote.

FRANK E. VRANICHAR, 2. glavni nadzornik.

Vesel božič ter srečno in zdravo novo leto želim vsemu glavnemu in porotnemu odboru in članstvu obeh oddelkov J. S. K. Jednote.

MATT ANZELC, 3. glavni nadzornik.

Vsem članom in članicam J. S. K. Jednote želim najveselicje božične praznike in vso srečo v novem letu.

ANDREW MILAVEC, JR., 4. glavni nadzornik.

Veselle božične praznike in srečno novo leto želi in voščila vsemu članstvu naše Jednote

ANTON OKOLISH, pred. gl. porotnega odbora.

DRUŠTVE IN DRUGE SLOVENESKE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

zabava in ples. Prireditev se prične takoj po zaključenju seji društva št. 149 JSKJ.

Prepuštno veselico za soboto 21. januarja zvečer naznajajo v federacijo spadajoča društva

Silvestrovico priredi na večer 31. decembra Slovence So-

ciety Club v Euclidu, Ohio. Prireditev se bo vršila v Slovenskem društvenem domu na Recher Avenue in dobiček iste je namenjen skladu za izgradnjo novega Slovenskega doma v Euclidu.

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V mestu La Salle, Ill., je umrl Matt Besal, star 79 let, član in večkratni uradnik društva št. 3 JSKJ. Pokojnik je bil član JSKJ 37 let. Zapušča soprogro Teresijo in sina Josepha. Rojen je bil v Toplicah pri Novem mestu na Dolenjskem.

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Izkusnjo za "embalmerja" je napravil mladi Anton Zakrassek v Clevelandu, O., član angleško poslujučega društva št. 180 JSKJ, sin znanega slovenskega pogrebnika Zakraske, ki je tu di član JSKJ.

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V Milwaukee, Wis., je umrl okrajni sodnik John C. Karel, star 65 let, po rodu čeh, rojen v Ameriki. Pokojnik je bil vedno ponosen na svoje češko pokole, nje in je bil vedno iskren prijatelj Slovanov, posebno še Čehov v Slovencem. Bil je tudi zelo aktiven v ameriških bratskih organizacijah in leta 1934 je bil izvoljen za predsednika National Fraternal Congressa. Mnogi uradniki slovenskih podpornih organizacij so simpatične moža poznali kot odličnega fraternalista in dobrega Slovana.

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Slovenska mladinska šola, katero vzdržuje S. N. Dom v Clevelandu, Ohio, je v nedeljo 18. decembra spet pokazala, da odlično vrši nalogo, katero je prevzela. Tu rojena slovenska mladina, ki pojava to šolo, je dokazala, da se res uči jezikov svojih staršev, tako v čitanju, deklamacijah, petju itd. Dobro so bili zamišljeni in ljubko izvedeni nekateri mladinski prizori in v višji učenici te šole so sijajno vprzorili Finžgarjevo socialno igro "Nova zapoved." V tej mladini imamo res prave talente, ki so kot doma na odru. Vsa prireditev, katero so pod vodstvom Mrs. Ivanusheve izvedli sedanji

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Francoski vladni krogi izjavljajo, da se Francija ne bo pod nikakim pogojem ukloni Italijanskim zahtevam in da ne bo odstopila Italiji niti pedi svojega ozemlja. V zvezi s tem je zanimalivo, da je Francija obdržala svojo vojaško zvezo s Poljsko, Rumunijo in Rusijo, brez ozira na podpis nenapadalne pogodbe z Nemčijo.

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FRANCIA NE POPUSTI

Na Kitajskem zadnje čase ni večjih vojaških operacij. Japonci so v glavnem zaposleni z začiranjem kitajskih gverilskih čet, ki jim delajo velike nepričike v že nominelno zasedenem ozemlju.

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OSKRBA BOŽIČNIH CVETLIC

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Najbolj popularne božične cvetlice so poimeti, ki jih vsak pozna po žarno rdečih cvetnih vencih. Te cvetlice ljubijo vsaj 20 stopinj stalne gorkote in sončno okno. Zalivati se jih ne sme preveč. Po nekaj tednih, ko začne listje odpadati, naj se jih postavi v temen in hladni prostor, kjer ne sme zmrzati.

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ZA BODOČE RODOVE

(Nadaljevanje z 2. strani)

lastne izume, ki so bili pozabni tisočletja in pozneje spet biti. Morda splošna svetovna na ali kakšna naravna katastrofa vrže človeški rod nazaj v primitivnost, iz katere bo trudno ustvarjal novo civilizacijo. V tem primeru bo odkritje te zanimive shrambe ljudem pravilo.

Raziskovalci in starinoslovci idejo dandanes v izkopani tako v Ameriki kot v Stari svetu marsikok dokaz o previsoki civilizaciji davnih ldstev. Vojne, bolezni in raznaravne katastrofe so te civilizacije uničile, posamezni obeci ljudstev, ki so ostali, so pogreznili v primitivnost in moralni začeti vse znova. To se zgodilo tem lažje, ker je bila istih časih vsa znanost omejena na vladajočo ali duhovniško, in pa, ker so se davne civilizacije pojavljale v raznih, edsebojno zelo oddaljenih krajinah, ki niso imeli nikakih zvez. Razjava katastrofa je bila točka včasih odločilna za vse člsto z ozirom na civilizacijo. Ima je več upanja, da se civilizacijo ohrani, ker je razširjena po vsem svetu. Če bi tudi kakšna naravna katastrofa uničila Evropo, se lahko ista moder-znanost ohrani, recimo v Avstraliji.

ODMEVI IZ RODNIH KRAJEV

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Iju je zatekla noč, pa sta se dala v bližnjo pastirske kolonije, si zakurila in legla k počitku. Ko je Sava čvrsto zaspal, stari Radule pograbili bukopoleno in je sorodnika trebil po glavi. Sava se je združil se hotel braniti, toda starec je še nekajkrat udaril, potem nezavestnega zvezal, naložil nanj slame in drž in vse skupaj začaj. Ko je Sava zgozel, se je Radule mirno vrnil k svoji hčerkki v vasi Hanjukih. Zadevo bi morda ostala skrita, ne bi bila hčerka opazila načetku krvavih nogavic. Stariec je priznal zločin in hčerkko je dalje izpovedala svojemu sinu, ki je duhovnik. Ta je prijavil zadevo oblastom in orozniški so odgnali starca v zapor.

UKAŽELJEN MOŽ

Revnega kmeta Imeta Ago Muhisanovića iz Lješnice pri Maglaju diči izredna in zgledna prosvetna vmena. Mož je star 50 let, ima ženo in 13 otrok. V mladosti ni imel priložnosti, da bi se naučil čitati in pisati, čeprav je bila to njegova srčna želja. Ko mu doraščali otroci, je hotel njim nakloniti to, kar njemu ni bilo usojeno. Do najbljžje šole je več ur dolga pot po nevarnih stezah. Na dolgo in nevarno pot svojih otrok ne more poslužiti, ne mara pa jih postoli neispravne v življenjsko borbo. Ne-kaj let je reševal ta problem, naposled pa je našel izhod. Ko je bližal že 50. letu, je prosil, da bi njega samega uvrstili med enence najbljžje ljudske šole. Nenavadni pršnji so ugodili in Ago je postal šolar. V izredno kratkem času se je naučil čitati in pisati in potem je doma prevel vlogo — učitelja. Čitati in pisati je naučil svojo ženo in pismeni so postali tudi vsi otroci, ki bi sami hodili v šolo, če ne bi bila tako daleč. Mlajši in najmlajši pa še pridejo v šolo skrbnega očeta.

VOLKOVI NAPADAJO

Vasi v okolici Dolnjega Vakufa tripljeno veliko škodo zaradi volkov, ki v tolpar napadajo staje in koljajo drobnico. V vasi Ladijeviču so volkovi raztrgali 12 ovac in eno svinjo na sredino. Nejšemu vaščanu. V neki drugi vasi so poklali 33 ovac. Najstarejši prebivalci ne pomnijo, da bi volkovi še pred zimno vridali v naselja vakuvske okolice.

DOPISI

(Nadaljevanje z 2. strani)

Sharon, Pa. — Vsem članom društva Sloga, št. 174 JSKJ, naznanjam, da bo v soboto 24. decembra v tukajšnjem Slovenskem domu prirejena Miklavževa večerinka. Člani in članice mlađinskega oddelka bodo vstopno prosti, poleg tega pa bodo še obdarovani.

Prireditev se bo pričela ob 7. uri večer. Najprej bo predstava, oziroma vprizorjeni bosta dve igri, ena v slovenskem, druga v angleškem jeziku. Igrali bodo sami člani mlađinskega oddelka. Mlađinski zbor bo zapel tudi nekaj pesmi. Potem bo Miklavž obdaroval otroke. Učiteljiča mlađinskega zabora je Miss Frances Novak. Posnetki bo govor v zanimalo slišati otrokeigrati in peti v slovenskem jeziku.

To božičnico ali večerinko predijo pod avspicijo Slovenskega doma vse tukajšnja slovenska društva, Gospodinjski klub in Klub mlađih Slovencev skupaj. Torej na svidenje v Slovenskem domu na večer 24. decembra!

Frank Kramar.

Aurora, Minn. — Članstvo društva Sv. Jožefa, št. 85 JSKJ, pozivam, da se udeleži glavne ali letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 25. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v Slovenski dvorani in se bo pričela ob 9 uri dopoldne. V zapisniku našega društva je zabeleženo, da član, ki se ne udeleži letne seje in nima za to res tehtnega izgovora, plača en dolar v društveno blagajno. Na tej seji bo tudi voljen društveni odbor in se bodo sprejemali važni zaključki za bodoče poslovanje. Torej je dovolj vzrokov in bo najbolj prav, da se večne seje udeležijo vse člani, katerim je količaj mogoče. Torej, na svidenje 25. decembra! — Za društvo št. 85 JSKJ:

Matt Anzec, tajnik.

Canonsburg, Pa. — Članom društva Bratska sloga, št. 149 JSKJ, ki niso bili na letni seji vsled oddaljenosti ali vsled drugih vzrokov, naznanjam, da je bil za leto 1939 izvoljen večino mlađina star odbor. Torej ostanejo naši odborniki, ki so bili dosedaj.

Miklavž bo pri našem društvu to sezono nekoliko pozen, kajti prišel bo šele 8. januarja. In sicer bo prišel v dvorano vratovane Postojanske jame takoj po prihodnji društveni seji 8. januarja. Kaj bo prinesel, bomo pa že videli. Takoj po končani igri bodo člani mlađinskega oddelka vprizorili igro, po igri pa bodo dobili vse člani mlađinskega oddelka prosto kosilo in nekaj daril. Torej, starši, ne pozabite pripeljati svoje otroke k tej prireditvi 8. januarja.

Med točkami programa in postopkom bodo igrali naši mlađi muzikanti, ki so tudi člani mlađinskega oddelka.

Na tem sestanku bo morda priporočljivo postaviti kandidata ali kandidate za delegatstvo na mlađinski konvenciji. Dosejaj se ni še nobeden priglasil. Za delegatstvo na drugo atletično konferenco pa sta se priglasila že dva kandidata, namreč Edward Mikec in Stanley Progar. Želim obema, da bise jima njuna želja izpolnila in da bi si pridobil poletni izlet v zeleno Minnesota. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 149 JSKJ:

Martin Žagar, tajnik.

Ely, Minn. — Na seji društva Sv. Cirila in Metoda, št. 1 JSKJ, ki se je vršila 11. decembra, je bil za leto 1939 soglasno izvoljen sledišči odbor: Joseph Kovach, predsednik; Joe Shikonja, Sr., podpredsednik; Frank Tomsich, Jr., tajnik; Joseph J. Peshel, zapisnikar; Frank L. Kotzian, blagajnik; Joseph Shi-konja, Jr., Matt Banovetz in Louis Zgomec, nadzorniki. Drugi zastopniki so: Za Jugoslavski

Volkskup, ki so bili zavestni Jacob Varoga; za združeno in Jacob Varoga; za združeno

društva JSKJ: Joseph Kovach, Frank Tomsich, Jr., in Charles Merhar, Sr.; za minnesotsko federacijo društva JSKJ: Joseph Kovach, Frank Tomsich, Jr., in Joseph J. Peshel; za atletičnega nadzornika: Joseph Kovach. — Za društvene zdravnike so imenovani vsi v Elyu bivajoči zdravniki; vključen je tudi dr. Snycer.

Med večne zaključke omenjene se je spada sklep, da bo v letu 1939 pri našem društvu 5 centov nižji mesečni prispevek za društveno blagajno, kot je bil dosegan; to velja za vse člane, ki so zavarovani v vseh skladih. Dalje je bilo sklenjeno, da se za vse člane našega mlađinskega oddelka plača asesment za januar in sicer v januarju in februarju 1939. Asesmenta bosta seveda morala biti plačana na glavni urad, toda plačana bosta iz društvene blagajne. Na ta način se bo tisti denar prihranil tajniku, kjer dobi za enega ometarščin. Starši pa naj svojim njenih dni vstopnicu k predstotorom kupijo za božična darila, kar hočejo. In, da ne bo kdaj mislil, da smo malenkostni in

mu na roke in da vsaj en tiket vzamemo od vsakega društva, katero imamo "show" na rokah, da prodajalca popolnom praznega ne izpustimo iz hiše. Seveda, to se razume tako, da to se tiče le nas tistih, ki včasih v gledališču homido. So drugi, kateri se za gledališče ne zanimajo, in od tistih ne moremo zahtevati, da bi v to svrhu tikete kupovali. Ker nas je več, ki prodajajo tikete, je skoro gotovo, da bomo kateremu člana izpustili in ga ne bomo obiskali. Tak član, ako se za "show" zanima, naj se oglaši pri starščin. Starši pa naj svojim njenih dni vstopnicu k predstotorom kupijo za božična darila, kar hočejo. In, da ne bo kdo mislil, da smo malenkostni in

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društva, je, da so razdeljena na okraje. Na ta način bodo tudi kandidati manjših društev imeli priliko izvolitve za delegata 3. mlađinske ali 2. atletične konference JSKJ. V poletni vročini bi si vsak zazelen izlet v zeleno severno Minnesota, med njene gozdove in jezera. Vse to se obeta lelegatom na mlađinski konvenciji in na atletični konferenci. Poleg tega bodo izvoljeni delegati imeli tudi priliko videti mestno Ely, rojstno mesto naše Jednote, in nedavno zgrajeni glavni urad JSKJ. Tam se bodo potutili kot doma, ker poslopije je lastnina Jednote, torej lastna vseh. Torej, za take mikavosti se že izplača nekajliko pravilnosti. Vsa društva JSKJ, ki spadajo v našo federacijo, pa tudi ostala društva JSKJ v državi Colorado, pozivam, da storijo voje najboljše v predstojecih ampanji, da bo naša država opet med prvimi, kakor je že illo.

Vsa društva JSKJ v državi Colorado, ki spadajo v colorado-federacijo, še enkrat pozivam, da mi naznajijo imena svojih zastopnikov za federacijo in pa koliko članov šteje njihovo društvo v odraslem in mlađinskem oddelku. Te podatke bi želel imeti vsaj do zadnjega januarja 1939.

Z zanimanjem citam članek, ki jih v Novi Dobi priobčuje sobrat Janko N. Rogelj, prvi glavni nadzornik JSKJ, ki se nanaša na njegov letosnjek izlet v njegovo rodno domovino. Nedvomno je tudi njegovo so-pogo zanimala dežela, ki je bila rodna domovina njenih staršev.

V svoji rojstni vasi se po vsej priliki ni dosti mudil, saj je v ekpu par tednov obiskal vso Štorensko, Dolenjsko in tudi otočnisko ter oddal mnogo meriških pozdravov tu in tam. Uveda, vsa Slovenija končno ni enika in v avtomobilom se hitro potuje, in kdor potuje z odprtimi očmi in z dozvetnim srčem, lahko tudi v teku par tednov dosti vidi, morda več kot narsikdo drugi v desetletju. Sedaj je pa tudi važno, da znaš, kdo tisti, kar vidi, tuži zapisati. Isti stvar se lahko na različne načine opiše; en opis je morda pust in suhoperen, drugi se lepo čita in je zanimiv, vendar sta oba resnična. Zanimivo je nje-govo poročilo o posetu naše Postojne, kjer znajo tako slano zabeliti koso, in še bolj slano računati vstopnino v slovečo jamo. Na en način se mi dobro zdi, da ni hotel Lahom plačati zahtevane vstopnine, na drug način je pa škoda, da ni imel prilike videti podzemeljskih čudežev Postojanske jame. Tudi o tistem bi gotovo znał kaj zanimivega pisati. Vsekakor mislim, da mu gradiva še ni zmanjkalo in da nam tekmo zime pove še marsikaj razvedrlnega iz svoje posete v starem kraju. Član in nečlan radi čitalo njegove spise.

Gotovo je večesar, da se bo od časa do časa oglašal tudi z agitacijskimi članki, kakor se je tekom zadnje kampanje. Ko je bil pred časom poslan po glavnem odboru kot govornik na prvo redno zborovanje naše federacije, nas je vse navdušil za delo in je tako rekoč preoral ledino v kampanji, ki se je takrat vršila kot predhodnica druge mlađinske konvencije. In kot znamo, se je naša država prav častno izkazala ob priliki zadnje mlađinske konvencije.

Pri tej priliki naj še omenim, da so stenski koledarji, ki jih je izdala J. S. K. Jednota za leto 1939, zelo lepi. Mlađa deklica v slovenski narodni nošti tvori tako ljubko sliko kot jo je težko kaj najti. Poleg tega pa spominja naše starejše na naše rodne kraje in kaže naši tu rojeni mlađini, kako lepa je slovenska narodna noša, posebno če v njej nastopi lepa mala deklica. Čestitam tistem, ki je tako lep in prime-dalje na 7. str.

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Na svetu je vedno bilo in je tudi danes toliko vzrokov za pritožbe, jadikovanja in žalovanja, da bi bilo človeštvo že davno v solzah utonilo, če bi nam narava ne bila dala večno živega hrepenenja po razvedrilu, veselju in sploh po sončnih straneh življenja. Zahteve narave so najvišje postavne in, kdor te postave krši, bo brezpogojno kaznovan, prej ali slej. Če torej iz posledic sklepamo na vzrok, bomo prišli do prepricaanja, da narava zahteva od nas sončno razpoloženje. Prevelika žalost ali pretirana skrb slabih naše zdravje in nam krajša življenje, medtem ko je sončno razpoloženje najboljša tonika za ohranitev zdravja in najboljša medicina pri zdravljenju večine bolezni. To so že neštetokrat izjavili ali potrdili odlični zdravniki.

Res je, da vsak izmed nas pogostoma pride v položaje in razmere, v katerih se pri najboljši volji ne more smejati. Na drugo stran je pa spet res, da se premnogokrat sami sebi preveč smilimo, da umeemo povečujemo in v mislih podaljšujemo naše neprilike ter jokavo iščemo simpatij. Mnogo bolje bi bilo, če bi pospomali tiste, ki tudi v najtežjih položajih obdržijo vsaj nekaj sončnega razpoloženja, ki skušajo vse vzeti od svetle ali celo saljive strani, in, ki pred vsem ne marajo drugim kvariti dobrega razpoloženja z jadikovanjem.

Največje zadoščenje v življenu človeka je gotovo zavest, da je po svojih zmožnostih in danih prilikah prispeval k blagostanju in sreči človeštva. Morda je krog, katerega doseže do njegova prizadevanje, omejen le na njegovo družino in na nekaj najožjih prijateljev, morda obsega velike in številne skupine. Temeljno to ne dela razlike. V blagostanju in sreči drugih, posebno če sodimo, da smo k temi tudi mi nekoliko pripomogli, je tudi naše zadovoljstvo in naša sreča.

Najčini našega prispevanja k splošnemu blagostanju in sreči so različni in našemu položaju primera omejeni. Nekateri so v takem položaju, da morejo materialno pomagati svojim bližnjim, ki so v potrebi. Nekateri morejo na podlagi svojega znanja in svojih izkušenj pomagati širokim ljudskim slojem s poukom in informacijami o pravilnem reševanju gospodarskih in političnih problemov. Nekateri pomagajo k lepoti človeškega življenja z razvedrillimi spisi, z godbo, s pesmijo itd. Človeško življenje ima mnogo zahtev, zato so načini prispevanja k sreči človeške družbe neštevilni. In, kakor že omenjeno, zavest, da smo po naših zmožnostih in prilikah prispevali k sreči človeštva, je naša največja sreča.

Eden prvih predpogovjev za srečo in lepoto življenja pa je nedvomno sončno razpoloženje. Kdor tako razpoloženje trosi v brazde življenja, je dobrotnik človeštva. Prijazna bodrilna beseda, iskren pogled, nasmejan obraz in poudarjanje dobrin, ki jih imamo, so tista božanska zrarna, iz katerih kali in cvete sončno razpoloženje. In smeh je tista božanska duševna pijača, ki nas vedno razvedri, pa nikoli ne upijani. Kdo še ni poskusil, kako vedrega, lahkega in zdravega se počuti človek, ki se je v prijetni družbi veselo in neženirano nasmejal! Veliki ameriški predsednik Abraham Lincoln, ki je bil zelo resen človek in ki je tekom svojega predsednikovanja moral reševal izredno resne in težke probleme, je v družbi zelo rad poslušal in pripovedoval smešnice. Naš največji slovenski pesnik Oton Župančič, ki je eden najbolj resnih in globokih mislecev današnjega časa, je pred nekaj leti v članku, ki je bil priobčen v "Ljubljanskem Zvonu", izrazil iskreno obžalovanje, da je na Slovenskem smeh umrl. In v sličnem smislu bi se moglo navesti še marsikatero drugo avtoriteto.

Lahko je človek zakopan v bogastvo do ušes in ima na razpolago vse moderne udobnosti, toda če se ne more od srca nasmejati, je revez. Na drugi strani pa je zavidanja vreden skromen delavec, ki po dovršenem delu v krogu svoje družine ali prijateljev najde vzrok in priliko za dobrovoljen smeh.

Sme je nalezljiv, kakor je nalezljiva slaba volja. Ena sama sončno razpoložena oseba lahko spravi v dobro voljo veliko družbo, nasprotno pa en sam pustec, ki ne vidi ali neče videti nič legega in veseloga na svetu, pokvaril razpočenje vse družbe, v katero ga slaba sreča prinese. Prav je poveda, da vidimo tudi temne oblake na nebu in kotanje na poti življenja, da se vemo nevarnosti izogibati, toda edno prekanje na jokavo struno je nesmiselno. Optimist vidi poleg temnih senc sončni sij v podvojeni lepoti in poleg kotanjaste poti gladko cesto v tem večji perfektnosti.

Narodi, ki še niso izgubili smisla za smeh, dokazujejo s tem, da so mladi, polni življenja in zaupajoči v svojo moč. In, kar velja za narode v velikem, velja za manjše

Anton J. Terbovec:

Po sledu sončnih rož

Sončne rože imam že od nekdaj rad, ker so tako nasmejanih in odkritosčnih obrazov. Ljubim jih menda tudi zato, ker cveto sredi visokega poletja, ko je sonce na višini svoje moči in slave in ko visoka pesem poletnega optimizma odmeva od vsepovsod. In končno mi sončne rože ugajajo tudi zato, ker so nekak simbol Amerike in ameriškega ljudstva. Preprosto lepe so, brez prefijenje gospoščine, prilagodijo se vsaki klimi in vsakim živiljenjskim prilikam, izhajajo z vsako družbo in z njihovih jasnih obrazov se zrcali tista prostodušnost in tisti optimizem, ki sta značilna za Američane. Nikake hinavščine, nikakega klanjanja, ampak sama čista in odločna volja do živiljenja, okopana v tipičnem ameriškem optimizmu. Razlika med sončnimi rožami, ki rasto kultivirane po poljih in vrtovih, in drugimi, ki rasto divje po praznih stavbiščih, ob potih ali kraj železniških prog, je primeroma malta. Večja ali manjša "prosperiteta" se sicer izraža v bujnosti listja, v visokosti steblovja in v velikosti cvetja, to je pa tudi vse. V splošnem pa obdrži sončna roža svoje najbolj tipične znake in lastnosti brez ozira kje v tej širni deželi si dela eksistenca. Prav kakor Američan ostane zvest svojemu tipu, brez ozira če živi v New Yorku, v Seattlu, v New Orleansu ali v Denverju.

Nikoli se pa nisem takoj temeljito prepričal, da je sončna roža res vseameriška cvetlica, kot preteklo poletje, ko sem iz Minnesota potovelj proti zapadu. Že v Duluthu sem opazil njihove nasmejane zlate obraze ob železniški progi. Potem pa se je vlekel špalir sončnih rož ob vsej dolgi železniški progi preko zapadne Minnesote, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho in Washingtona prav do pacifične obale. Tuk ob železniški progi, po železniških nasipih, po bližnjih travnikih in poljih, povsod so nas pozdravljale divje sončne rože. Nadmorska višina železniške proge se menjava in z višino se spreminja rastlinstvo ob progi, toda sončne rože so doma povsod, tako ob žitnih poljih North Dakote kot v strmem gorovju Montane ali v mehkim ozračju pacifične obale. Ponekod so veče, ponekod manjše, kakršni so pač živiljenjski pogoji, toda zlati obrazi njihovega cvetja so povsod enako optimistični in nasmejani, povsod obrnjeni proti soncu. Ta prijazna cvetlična družba nas je spremila tudi preko držav Oregon, Utah, Wyoming in Colorado.

V lepem mestu Colorado Springsu sem se ustavil za nekaj ur, da se po mnogih letih spet enkrat naužjem čudovitih naravnih krasot tiste okolice. Moje počitnice so se bližale konev in moral sem hiteti. Poslužil sem se torej ene izmed tistih "sightseeing" tur, na katerih se turistom v primeroma kratkem času razkaže več ali manj zanimivosti mesta in okolice. Po-

skupine in posameznike v malem. Amerika se še smeje, kar dokazuje, da je mlada, močna in v sebe zaupajoča; tudi mi ameriški Slovenci, ki smo del nje, se smejejo z njo. In dokler se bomo z njo smeiali, bomo dokazovali, da smo duševno mlađi, življenja polni in zaupajoči v našo moč. Če enkrat umrjeta naš smeh in naš pesem, bomo umrli tudi mi.

Naša J. S. K. Jednota želi imeti zdrave in dolgo živeče člane. To je v njenem interesu prav tako kot je v interesu vsakega posameznika. Zdravja pa ne pospresej v življenu ne podaljšuje jokavost, jadikovanje in obupovanje, ampak sončno razpoloženje. Novih članov tudi ne bomo pridobili z golidami pelinovec, ampak z iskrečimi čašami duševne vedrine in dobre volje.

V tej sezoni se mnogo govori o dobri volji. Bodimo torej tudi mi apostoli dobre volje in trosimo jo povsod, kjer koli nam je mogoče. S tem bomo najlepše proslavili božično sezono, najlepše zaključili leto in napisali najbolj sončno spričevalo naši Jednoti. In v novo leto bomo stopili z nasmejanimi obrazi, ožarjenimi od mladega sonca, ki se že vrača k nam iz palmovih gajev juga.

gričasta in rastlinstvo napoljučavsko. Vse skupaj je nekaka pravljčna pokrajina.

Moji sopotnici sta tudi pridno fotografirali. Pod formacijo "poljubljajočih se kamel" je sopotnica s sončno rožo v gumbnici želela vzeti na fotografijo tudi vse našo slavno trojico in je naprosila šoferja, da je prezel posel fotografa, kar je seveda rad storil. Za to priliko nas je razvrstila ob skupini cvečnih divjih sončnih rož in pojasnila, da ima tudi na slikah rada sončne rože, ki jo spominjajo njene domovinske države Kansasa. Pa vsak po svoje.

Družba, ki se bavi s temi izletniškimi turami, ima praktičen sistem, da potom uslužnega in intelligentnega šoferja vse potnike, ki pridejo na isto vozilo, medsebojno predstavi. V našem avtomobilu smo bili samo štirje: dve dame tako zvanih najlepših let, mlad šofer visokošolec, ki si je s šoferskim delom hotel nekaj prislužil tekem počitnice, in moja malenkost. Šofer nas je medsebojno predstavil in mi smo to predstavljanje spošljivo na znanje vzel z običajno frazo "How do you do!" Fraza sama na sebi sicer nič ne pomeni, vendar omogoči prilike za razgovor, in za to se gre. Tudi ni važno, da si pri takem predstavljanju malokdo zapomni imena predstavljenih. Glavno je, da se formalnosti zadosti in da se lahko začne neženiran razgovor.

Presenečen sem potrdil, kar mi je tudi ona priznala, da so bili njeni starši Slovenci in da še razume nekatere slovenske besede, govoriti pa ne more več, ker že vrsto let služuje v zapadnem delu Kansasu, kjer so Slovenec, vsaj kolikor je njaj znano. Ko je vprašam, kje je bila rojena, odgovrne, da v bližini Pittsburgha, Kansas.

"V kateri naselbini?" pozivem dalje. "Oh, tega vi ne boste vedeli", odvrne z nasmem, "ker tistega mesta ni več. Mesto se je imenovalo Stone City."

Povem ji, da sem večkrat potoval tam okoli in da sem bil tudi v naselbini Stone City, ko je še stala, pa tudi enkrat pozneje, ko so se bile že vse hiše, razen ene, preselile drugam ter je na njih mestih rastla pšenica na krovu.

V nadaljnem pogovoru sem izvedel, da so njeni starši že pomrli in da že dolgo ni bila v bližini njenega rojstnega kraja, da ga pa še pojde katerikrat pogledat, čeprav prostor njenih mladinskih let zarašča pšenica in koruza. Koliko čas mineralne vode sva pri teh pogovorih popila, ne vem povedati, vem le, da je čas tekel hitrejši od vode. Ko sem izrazil željo, da bi rad dobil en odtis fotografije, ki je bila vzeta "pod kamelami" v Vrtu bogov, sta se že približala šofer in druga sopotnica, in moja tako nenadno najdena slovenska sončna roža iz Kansasa mi je še komaj mogla reči, da si bova izmenjala naslova, ko pridemo na turistično postajo in razstavo v Colorado.

Po tem pogovoru in objavljeni slike in naslova sem si začel domisljati, da so tiste procesije sončnih rož, ki so me vodile in pozdravljale vse od Dulutha do Seattle in od tam do Colorado Springsa, vendar nekaj pomenile, in sicer da so me privedle do prijateljske naklonjenosti kar upoštevanja vredne sončne rože v Vrtu bogov. Pa sem se motil. Vse skupaj ni nič pomnil.

Ko smo se vozili proti Colorado Springsu, je druga sopotnica pričela tožiti, da jo glava boli, in komaj smo dobro prišli v mesto, se ji je ulila kriča. To se pripeti marsikemu, ki pride prvič na visok zrak tistih gorskih krajev, pa običajno ni nič nevarnega. Vse kakor je moja kanska znanka skušala tovarišiči ustaviti hudo krv, ki se pogna v vsemi robci, ki se bili na razpolago. Šofer pa je pogna vozilo, da smo se že po-

gnali. Naša sončna roža je vredna pohvali. Dalje, kar pomislimo, komu bi takobzrskno naprtili odgovornost za slabo udeležbo na društvenih sejah, piknikih, plesnih veselicah, predavanjih in koncertih, če ne bi imeli vremena! Nad kom bi se hudovali počaščeni kandidati, če ne bi bilo slabega vremena, ki njihovih pristašem prepreči pot na volišči! Komu naj bi gospodje volišči, ki so vse zaneseli srečo, da ne bi vredno, če ne bi vredno!

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And what does this mean? It means that our Union is established as a permanent institution not only among its members, but also among the non-members; it means that our Union has ascended higher the ladder of outstanding fraternals. It means that the reputation of the SSCU is growing higher in the public's esteem, that its name commands respect, and that its noble and honest endeavors are approved and accepted everywhere. The large attendance of non-members, most of whom consisted of young men and young women, may be considered as proof that they are interested in our Organization, and that sooner or later they will become members of our Union.

Credit for the large attendance of non-members at our celebrations first must be ascribed to the American-born youth. No longer can we label this youth merely as boys and girls, for among them are many who have matured into men and women, and who in experience, ability and consciousness of national affairs transcend many of us in this respect who emigrated from the old country. These boys and girls no longer belong to the careless and unconcerned, a group which we formerly feared would never be capable to take over and maintain what they would inherit from us; these boys and girls are no longer those in whom we felt a doubt that they would be sufficiently interested to continue the successful work begun by our Union forty years ago. These are men and women, who take life in earnest, who see in themselves the strength needed by our Union for its progress and existence, men and women who in full measure are conscious of their duties to their Union.

I have noticed a marvellous change in our youth ever since I left Pittsburgh some seven years ago to take over the office of supreme secretary. This year I had the opportunity to observe closely the change when I visited some of our settlements where our lodges celebrated the Union's 40th anniversary. My first visit was in Cleveland during the latter part of April. Here I attended the annual SSCU bowling tournament, where over 1,000 members and other interested individuals were in attendance. The tournament was conducted in fine order and the participants consisted mostly of American-born boys and girls. Their spirits were high, and friendliness and goodwill were written all over their faces. Present among them was a justifiable pride in the realization that they were members of a sound and strong Slovene fraternal benefit organization. At the conclusion of the bowling tournament, the 40th SSCU anniversary banquet followed in the Slovene National Home, where some 300 guests were present. The whole banquet was in charge of the younger element: Seating arrangement, kitchen preparation, serving on tables, and in fact all the details necessary in connection with a banquet were executed in excellent fashion. Truly, the whole arrangement pleased me a great deal, and pleased also were the mothers and fathers in attendance who followed proudly each move made by the juniors.

From Cleveland I went to Barberton, where I attended the meeting of lodge No. 44. First supreme trustee Janko N. Rogelj accompanied me. The meeting was well attended and at least half of those present consisted of boys and girls born in this country. This is proof that they are interested in the Organization for those who attend the lodge meetings have the Organization at heart.

From Barberton I travelled to Conemaugh, Pa. where I had a conference with the officers and members of lodges from Johnstown, Conemaugh and the nearby communities. Young and old were represented at the conference, and Bro. Turk's private orchestra played for us. This orchestra, the creation of Bro. Turk, secretary of lodge No. 36 and recording secretary of the 15th regular convention, consisted of his two sons Robert and Thomas, both still members of the juvenile department and himself. Robert was a delegate to the 2d juvenile convention. This was excellent entertainment. I do not wonder at all if Bro. Turk prefers to stay at home, for his two sons can provide entertainment unequalled elsewhere.

After the conference in Conemaugh, Pa. there followed an assembly of lodges from Export, Delmont, Greensburgh and elsewhere, held in the Slovene hall in White Valley. At least 500 individuals were present at the meeting, most of whom consisted of youth. Majority of those present were members of our Union who responded to the invitation to attend the meeting. Years ago it would have been impossible to round up a dozen.

Lodge No. 66 of Joliet and lodge No. 92 of Rockdale paid a high tribute to the Union and to their community as well, when they combined their efforts to celebrate the SSCU's fortieth anniversary. This affair, too, shone with brilliancy of execution, and there I also had the good fortune to mingle with many of our older roots who form the mighty pillars of our Union in that locality; and there, too, I met a nice group of young people inspired with the spirit of SSCU who co-operate with their elders in the Union's endeavors, and who indicated that they are able and competent to take over the local reins when the time comes.

The meeting in the Slovene Home in Pittsburgh, where a dance was held in the evening sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Federation of SSCU lodges, was also well attended. There, too, the youth was well represented. The same holds good

Cardinals News

Struthers, O. — The following officers were elected for the year 1939: Frank E. Glavic, pres.; Joseph A. Zlogar, vice-pres.; Edward T. Glavic, 26 Prospect St., sec'y; Amelia F. Slabe, rec. sec'y; Emil Mikolich, treas.; trustees: Ann Glavic, chairman, Stanley Pogacnik and Pete DeLost; Stanley Pogacnik, athletic supervisor. Officers for 1938 executed a splendid job in keeping the lodge active and progressive, and we know that our new officers will keep up the good work. Incidentally, our lodge will meet every second Friday of the month at the home of John Pogacnik, 32 Grace St.

Cardinals will hold a dance on Jan. 14, 1939 at the Croatian Hall, 199 Lowellville Rd. We extend a cordial invitation to all lodges far and near to attend this gala affair. If you have never attended any of our dances, now is your chance and I am sure you will attend many more. Plenty of good music for both old and young will be on hand. Joe Umeck and his Rhythm Kings of Niles, O. will provide the music. We'll be looking for you on Jan. 14.

Our demons of the bowling alleys are at it again. They sure are showing plenty of power, burning the ball right down the old valley. Keep up the high scoring men and you will have nothing to worry about.

May all the members enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and may the year 1939 bring prosperity and success to the SSCU.

Steve R. Millison
No. 229, SSCU

BRIEFS

All children of Center, Pa. are invited to attend the Christmas party, sponsored by the Center Slovene Home, on Christmas Day. All children are invited whether or not they are members of a fraternal organization, for Santa Claus will be on hand to distribute gifts to all on hand. A program of entertainment is also scheduled, starting at two p.m., which will include songs and plays given by children; and at seven p.m. a dance for adults.

Anton Zakrajsek of the Cleveland Zakrajsek Funeral Parlor on St. Clair Ave. successfully passed the examination for embalmers held in Columbus, O. on Nov. 15 and 16. The examinations are prepared by the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors of Ohio. Only seven from Cleveland passed the examination. Anton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zakrajsek and is a member of the Cleveland George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU. Last March Mr. Anton Zakrajsek passed the examination for funeral director, and now holds licenses as embalmer and funeral director.

Two SSCU members from Falls Creek, Pa. visited the Nova Doba office last week: Mr. Louis Slak and his daughter Miss Frances G. Slak, both members of lodge 18, SSCU. The two attended the funeral of Mr. Slak's brother Anton in Cleveland. Miss Slak attended as delegate to the first SSCU juvenile convention.

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for Lorain, O. where I attended the meeting of the Ohio federation and where were present an appreciable number of American-born representatives and others. Likewise I also found the youth in Denver, Colo. very much interested in our Organization, although, unfortunately, I arrived at a time when this section was visited by a flood. Almost everyone was forced to remain indoors, and visits from neighboring settlements almost prohibitive. However, in spite of the huge floods, the following came to the celebration: Secretary of the Colorado SSCU federation, Bro. Lipek and family, Sis. Mary Kerzinsik with her son and daughter from Rock Springs, Wyo., and Mrs. Angela Pishler, widow of former supreme secretary Josip Pishler, now deceased, from the same section. Acknowledgement must be made of anyone who dared to leave his home in such weather.

I am sure that other supreme officers who visited various settlements enjoyed the same experiences as I did. I am sure they noticed the improved condition prevalent among our youth, and it is well that we are so informed. The money appropriated by the supreme board for travel of its officers to various lodge celebrations was a good investment, and one that will yield many benefits to the Union. It is essential that the directors of our Union become conscious and informed of the sentiment prevalent among the young and senior members, for only in this way can we hope to keep on the right side of the road to guide the Union to greater progress.

This year's celebration of our Union's 40th anniversary was also observed by contributions and chronicles published weekly in the Nova Doba. Many wrote, young and old, some less, some more. Every edition of Nova Doba for this year could be considered a jubilee edition, for in each issue contributors referred to the Union's anniversary.

Thus, these are proofs that our Union is very much alive and deserving of recognition and acknowledgement everywhere within its jurisdiction. All this prompts me to be optimistic towards the mammoth membership campaign, which will have its beginning immediately after the first of the year. This year we distinguished ourselves more with the anniversary celebrations than we did with enrollment of new members. But beginning with January 1, 1939 we shall go to work again. We displayed our goods for one whole year; after January 1st we shall commence to sell it. We are in a position to offer to prospective members the best and most popular policies or certificates, for either death or other benefits. The solvency of our Union and 40 years of fair business dealing guarantees each prospective member much in fraternal insurance. We shall not confine our energies only to Slovenes, or Slavs; we shall mingle with other nationalities of the caucasian race; people who are honest and with good character, who believe in the principle of fraternalism. Our doors, too, are open to them, for we welcome everyone who is prepared to do some good for those dear to him.

I wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members of the SSCU.

ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary, SSCU.

Not So Little Stan

Cleveland, O. — He may label himself Little Stan, but not little rather large, when it comes to offering his co-operation in aiding the SSCU in its manifold activities; presently, the third juvenile convention and second athletic conference sessions, to take place in Ely, Minn. on Aug. 4, 5 and 6, 1939.

To us, the younger members, the SSCU is offering a golden opportunity to carry on the successful work begun by our elders. It is up to us to forge ahead and strive to make it the largest fraternal organization in existence.

Therefore, English-speaking members, let us get together and give a big push in this membership drive to make it the greatest ever in the annals of our splendid SSCU. It was my good fortune to be the first candidate enrolled for delegate to the second athletic conference. I hope to see many, a great many more enter the contest, so that in Ely, Minn. next August we shall take the advantage of a lifetime to make acquaintances as delegates.

John F. Kardell,
Pres., No. 180, SSCU

Lodge 2

Ely, Minn. — All members of lodge "Sv. Sreca Jezusa", No. 2, SSCU who have their children enrolled in the juvenile department of this lodge, are hereby notified that the lodge decided to present Christmas gifts to these children. However, since the children at this time receive lots of candy, the lodge will present them with cash. Last year each child was given 15 cents, and most of the children were happy to receive it. This year the lodge will present each member of the juvenile department with 25 cents. This gift in cash will be distributed by the secretary at his home all day Saturday, Dec. 24, from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Parents are requested to send the children alone for these gifts, if they are big enough to go unescorted. Reason for this request is to impress upon the children that the gift comes from the lodge, and with the hope that they will think of their branch more highly.

I want to announce further that our lodge is sponsoring the movie shown in the State Theatre on Friday and Saturday, February 10 and 11. Tickets will be sold house to house, and all members are requested to help us. Fifty percent of the profits will go into the lodge treasury. Tickets may be obtained at the home of the secretary for 15 cents in the afternoon and 25 cents in the evening.

Meetings for the future will be held every second Sunday of the month starting at 7 p.m. For the benefit of several out-of-town members, I want to inform them that our lodge continues to progress. Last year in December we had 334 members in the adult department; this year, 350, and 136 in the juvenile department for a total of 486 members.

I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the supreme and judiciary board and to the entire membership of the SSCU.

Louis Perushek, Sec'y.

Attention, Lodge Secretaries!

VERY IMPORTANT!

Official notice is given herewith that from the date hereof medical examination of applicants for membership in our juvenile department will be required only in the States of New York, Ohio and Idaho.

In all other states a medical examination of such applicants will NOT BE REQUIRED.

THIS MEANS THAT IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, TOO, APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN OUR JUVENILE BRANCH WILL BE EXEMPT FROM MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

It will be a condition, however, that all applicants who shall be exempt from a medical examination be visited by an officer of the lodge before he or she may be accepted into the lodge. Such officer should subscribe his or her name to the application as a witness to the signature of the person signing the application.

In making out applications for membership in the juvenile branch, the subordinate secretaries should use ONLY the new forms which are known as "Form 2" and all answers to the questions contained on the application should be correct and if possible in English. Do not forget to complete the certificate of the lodge which appears on the back of the application.

ANTON ZBASNIK, Secretary.

Merry Christmas!

By Little Stan



Ely, Minn. — The Yuletide season is upon us. Streets in this city of over 6,500 good citizens are gaily bedecked in the colorful regalia that only Christmas can bring. Homes and

business establishments have been touched up with excellent lighting facilities, lending more spirit to the season.

It seems as though Little Stan left a cigarette burning, — so to speak, and forgot that time waits for no man. Because, it seemed only yesterday that he saw that notice in the newspapers calling attention to the fact that it was only 30 days before Christmas. With the day swiftly approaching, he suddenly awoke to the fact that he would certainly have to do his shopping right away — or else!

Last week's issue of the Nova Doba showed that juvenile pals are not forgetting to write nice articles in our paper. There were very many, and the editor's note explained that there wasn't room for them all, that the rest would be included in the next week's issue. That's the real SSCU spirit pals. Let's just keep flooding Bro. Kolar's desk with loads of articles for next month's issue.

And what stirred up the innermost feeling in Little Stan was to see how many of our lodge members — both in the juvenile and adult department came through with special messages for our pal, Johnny English at Mercy Hospital. Bro. Johnny will certainly feel swell when he reads all these nice messages, knowing that his friends did not forget him!

From all parts of the country they will come — all roads leading to the same direction — Home! Families are getting

refreshments were served to all the members. Little Stan was bartender — for the first time that he can remember, and managed to keep the glasses filled to the brim.

Second Candidate For Athletic Conference Announced!

With approximately 40 days to go before the deadline for announcing candidacies to the third juvenile convention and second athletic conference, Bro. Anton Zbasnik, supreme secretary, announced that Joseph Kovach, president of Lodge No. 1, is the second to enter the field. John "Bub" Kardell, president of Lodge No. 180, Cleve-

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous happy New Year to all the members of the SSCU. May the year 1939 be another successful one for our splendid fraternal organization.

Paul Bartel, Supreme President

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Current Thought

With Best Wishes

Christmas cards, Santa Claus, toy electric trains, dolls, neckties, shirts, candy, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, this year Ferdinand — what would Christmas be without this array of colorful figures that inspire in the individual a spirit of giving.

Christmas shopping — how the ladies love it and how the males detest it. Pushing and squeezing through downtown crowds, buying gifts for mother, brother, sister, wife, husband, sweetheart, and most important of them all, the tots who have implicit faith in Santa Claus.

Well behaved boys and girls who have been unusually attentive and gratifying their every parents' wish... how they can help papa and mama with the house chores, running errands... so that they will not be forgotten on Christmas morning.

Students attending out-of-town colleges return home for the Christmas holidays with an air of superior wisdom, and sort of look down upon the annual family dinner circle and inwardly scorn such compliments as: How he has grown since we saw him last, and how she is developing into a fine young lady. The prodigal sons and daughters who have returned to the family circle wish to be accepted as cosmopolitan men and women with matured minds and bodies, and detest remarks which imply they are still in the adolescent stage.

Christmas parties sponsored by various agencies, and most important to our juvenile members, Christmas parties sponsored by SSCU lodges for the particular benefit of members of the junior group. In some settlements, several local lodges unite their forces for that one day, and the resultant Christmas party is an affair long remembered by the juveniles.

It is well that we mortals lay aside our worries and cares, troubles and trials, at least for a few days during the Christmas holiday season. Forget the uncertainties of tomorrow and let our mind and body relax and enjoy life as it was intended to be.

Christmas is a traditional holiday of good wishes. It is a period of time in which the neighbor, relative or friend will say to you: Merry Christmas.

In these turbulent days, with war scares headlining the page-one issues of daily newspapers, the world could use several periods of joy and mirth during the year, such as is spontaneously produced by the annual Yuletide season. To make people forget the traditional hatreds rooted perhaps several centuries back. To make the men and women of every nationality realize that under the skin we are essentially the same, struggling to get along.

We need more Christmas holidays during the year to impress all humans with the necessity to work together, instead of against one another.

Our fraternals command brotherly spirit among the members. In the event of illness a member may look forward to visits and help from his brother and sister members of the lodge. In need, he or she will receive some assistance from the local unit.

It is with this fraternal brotherly and sisterly spirit that we say to our members: May you enjoy a most Merry Christmas.

BRIEFS

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Lodge 30, SSCU of Chisholm, Minn. will hold a Christmas party for its juvenile members on Saturday, Dec. 24, at Mahne's hall, starting at 2 p.m.

Lodge 31, SSCU of Braddock, Pa. will sponsor a Christmas party for members of the juvenile department on Friday, Dec. 23, at the lodge's regular meeting hall. The Christmas party will begin at 6 p.m.

All the Slovene lodges of Gowanda, N. Y. will unite to hold a joint Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 22, in the Slovene Home on Palmer St. Gifts will be distributed to the children. The two SSCU lodges, Pathfinders No. 222 and St. Joseph, No. 89, are included in the group of sponsors.

Lodge 148, SSCU will hold a Christmas party for its members of the juvenile department on Sunday, Dec. 25, in the S. N. Home in Hackett, Pa. commencing at 3 p.m.

Cardinals Lodge, No. 229, SSCU will hold a dance on Jan. 14, 1939 in the Croatian hall on Lowellville Rd. Joe Umeck and his Rhythm Kings will furnish the music.

In Keewatin, Minn. Lodge 109, SSCU will hold a dance on Dec. 31.

In Johnstown, Pa. Lodge 16, SSCU will celebrate the Union's

fortieth anniversary with a dance on Dec. 31 in its own hall in Morrellville. As an added feature Santa Claus will distribute gifts to children.

Two dances will be held by Lodge 233, SSCU of Ludlow, Colo. On Dec. 24 and Jan. 1.

In Pittsburgh, Pa. Lodge 26, SSCU will hold a dance on Monday, Dec. 26, in the Slovene Home on 57th St.

Ohio Federation of SSCU lodges will meet on Sunday, Jan. 1, in the Cleveland Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave., beginning at 10 a.m. Committee in charge of arrangements for the annual SSCU tennis tournament will meet one hour earlier.

Tri-State Federation of SSCU lodges, including Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana, will assemble on Sunday, Jan. 8, in Joliet, Ill. A program of entertainment will follow the meeting.

In Center, Pa., Western Pennsylvania Federation of SSCU lodges will meet on Sunday, Jan. 22.

Lodge 227

Greensboro, Pa. — Our Friends Lodge, No. 227, SSCU elected the following officers at the annual meeting held Dec. 11: Steve Beyak, pres.; Joe Elnerker, vice-pres.; John Nickler Sr., sec'y; Louis Nickler, treas., and Louis Nickler, rec. sec'y.

John Nickler Sr., Sec'y

THIS DARN AMERICA

By Janko N. Rogelj

Translated from the Slovene by Joseph Zorman

Editors Note: From the pen of Joseph Zorman, one of Cleveland's leading attorneys, comes the third translation of Janko N. Rogelj's impressions of Slovenia and its people, the Slovanes. "This Darn America" is one of a series of articles, written by Janko N. Rogelj, first supreme trustee, SSCU, which has appeared in the Slovene section of Nova Doba.

Reflections upon my recent trip through Yugoslavia, often bring me a smile of satisfaction. I recall occurrences, faces and conversations, all of which are so intricately associated that they fuse themselves into one focus, the core of it all — America.

My thoughts take me to Ljubljana. We have just arrived and everyone is already enjoying his plate of native goulash and beer in the station restaurant, but I am unable to join them because of the throng of inquirers who are eager to hear news of their kin in America.

I had been in Ljubljana but ten or fifteen minutes when robust Martin, a former resident of Cleveland, now employed in Ljubljana, anxiously forced his way to me with a bombardment of questions: Had Mr. Bukovnik, Mr. Kosnik, Mr. Levstik and a host of other persons sent any message to him. Martin's impatience gave me no time to recall a single message as he continued with: "How are conditions in America? Could one go to America?" His first pause enabled me to explain the difficulty involved due to the limited Yugoslav quota under the American Immigration Laws. Martin responded with an envious grimace and retorted: "Damn the quota. Go and have your goulash."

Mr. and Mrs. Jakac, Mr. and Mrs. Birtic, Mr. Banovec, my wife Rose, and I guess, even I, are finally seated at a round table in the restaurant. A woman approaches, asking: "Did Joe Podklinar come with you? I am his sister." Before I can answer that I do not know a man interrupts, asking when his brother was coming to visit Slovenia. It was in such an atmosphere that, after thirteen years, I "enjoyed" my first dish of Slovene goulash. So my friends, I cannot tell you how it tasted. If the French Line were to ask me to comment on it, I should be at a complete loss. However, Madam Rusova was an excellent hostess and the French Line really does give exceptionally good service.

I am reminded of the following quotation from Ivan Cankar: "America, the country of yearning desire, blessed with unlimited wealth, Utopia, to which in the days of sorrow all the poor and burdened fled, where are you America 'The Promised Land'?"

A few days after my arrival Tone visited me, whom I had warned years before not to go home. At that time he looked toward his native land through "rose colored glasses." I believe he then almost convinced me with his argument, somewhat as follows: If I become a beggar in my native land, I can beg from house to house, knock at the door, stand at the threshold and beg in my native language. My friend, you go and beg in America, how many Slovene homes will you find? According to his own story, he now feels otherwise. He would like to return, America lures him. How can he forget West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio; he had lived there so many years. If he did not like one place he moved to another. In one state today in another tomorrow. In those

days he had money, was young and handsome, independent and free. Today he longs to be in America again. How intense is the conflict of a dual existence, one being physically in Slovenia and mentally in America. With suppressed tears he said: "When I departed from America I lost heaven on earth. Oh, where are you America — 'The Promised Land'?"

Then I remember the girl Malka, who lives with my sister and works in a factory in Kranj. Some years ago she came into the harbor of New York City, but could not procure the required documents and was allowed to go no farther. After remaining on Ellis Island a few days, she had to return to Yugoslavia. She saw America only from afar; but she too has the beginning of the fever and longs to come to America. Tell me, how can she come here? The answer is again—Yugoslav quota; or—the possibility that some eligible man, an American citizen, may come to his native land to seek a bride, choose Malka and bring her back.

Anton, another former Cleveland resident, now hauls sand from the shores of Kokra. Tragedy drove him from the United States where he had left behind much of his youth. He inquired about this and that. Life at home is difficult. To return is impractical, but America is in his heart. If he could come back he could resume life where he left it off as though the interim had never been. With a faraway look he wonders: How can I go back to America and lose myself among strange faces. If I could only be there once more!

On a Sunday morning I encountered a man who smiled, offered me his hand and greeted me in English: "How are you?" — Another American. He returned to Slovenia some dozen years before. His return permit expired the first year. The first few years he hoped to become re-acclimated, but now he has neither hopes nor consolations. As if condemned to death, there is hardly any escape, yet the question: "How can I go to America?" I explained to him the alarming scarcity of employment in the United States, how the federal government employs millions of people of WPA, and administers relief to prevent starvation. But even this does not dissuade him. He remarked that to him it would be no hardship to live on sixty dollars a month. He is single and knows how to keep house. He would rent a housekeeping room, prepare his own meals and live quite happily. At the conclusion of our conversation, he emphatically remarked: "There is only one America."

Some months ago, I read a passage in a book, phrased somewhat as follows: Woman is like salt—if you never had it you can do without it, but after you get accustomed to it you can not get along without it. I thought of this comparison whenever I listened to the lamentations of those poor souls, "How can one get to America?" Really peculiar and enigmatic is America.

I have related only a few of my impressions of incidents, people and their reactions, so that you might understand the heartaches and strife endured by those lost souls on the other side of the ocean. It is more than strange that those people who had gone home and who were never really acclimated in the United States, should have revived such a strong desire to leave their native soil again for the United States. Even Malka who had seen only the shores of free America, is convinced that her happiness and fortune is in

another America.

Rambling Along

By Stan Progar

sincerely believe that Anna will never forget the 40th anniversary year for she has a swell remembrance and well deserved too, Anna. Keep up the good work Anna for the Ilirska Vila members are not the only ones that appreciate your efforts. We all do. Keep that "on the go" spirit alive.

The greatest striking example of all is the way the SSCU members are rallying to the aid of one of its less fortunate members. Many tears of happiness were shed by members who came to the realization that they belong to an organization that hits a homerun in the pinch when moral spirit is in dire need. Very few met Johnny English but that didn't stop the SSCU members from coming to Johnny's aid. The world will little note or long remember what the SSCU did but Johnny will never forget. He knows that his organization is an organization of friends that will answer any urgent call sent out. His family and his physician know that the friendly, moral spirit that passed from the SSCU membership to Johnny did more for him than all the medicine in the world. They too, will never forget the kind organization that came to bat freely and willingly, and to all appearances so far, saved the game from inevitable defeat... And so Johnny, a great organization, the SSCU is always with you. We will never go back on you or any one.

Christmas Greetings

To the Supreme Board, our able editors, the members of the SSCU and to Johnny English, yours truly, Stan Progar and the Pitt Panther extend the most joyous Christmas Greetings and the best of wishes for a healthy, wealthy and happy year to come.

The Day-Old Egg

They had been married the day before and this was their first breakfast. The husband ordered his in a low voice; among other things, they both ordered eggs. A few moments later, the waiter returned. He leaned over the bride's shoulder and asked: "How do you like your egg, madam?" The bride seemed a little flustered for a moment, then she answered: "Oh, I think he's all right."

—Motor Travel

Shortly after my return, I met a friend on St. Clair Avenue, who extended his hand and greeted me. This being our first meeting after my coming back, he queried:

"Well how is it?"

"As usual, nothing new."

"How's Europe?"

"It would be too long a story."

"One thing is certain," in order that he ends the long story, "now you are at least more certain that you are a real American at heart and you realize how gratifying it is to be an American citizen. Again I thought of all those who had gone back to their home land and crave to, but may not or cannot return.

After listening to former Americans telling about their wishes, anxiety and heartaches, while at my native home, I had so deeply absorbed all that into my blood that I felt the consequences: It may happen to you, over here in America. The following lines will illustrate:

One evening, after conversing with my brother-in-law, late into the night, I had a strange dream: I came to Yugoslavia, lost my passport and was told that I cannot return to America. There was no hope; all was lost: I was among those whom I have heretofore described. After awaking, it took me some time to realize that it was only a dream. There were tears in my eyes; tears would be justifiable if my dreams were true.

I could not resume sleep for a long time. Outside, the dogs began to bark and the roosters began to crow; neither noise distracted me. My dream had been terrible, and I had to console myself. I tried to be angry with America, causing me such a dream. — No, I did not get very angry; I merely muttered:

"That Darn America."

Lodge 132

Euclid, O. — Members of lodge Napredok, No. 132, SSCU are hereby notified that this month I will collect lodge assessments on FRIDAY evening, Dec. 23 (not on Saturday, Dec. 24) because of the Christmas holidays.

The following were elected on the board for the year 1939: John Korencic, pres.; Louis Godoc, vice-pres.; John Tanko, 1960 Arrowhead Ave., sec'y; Robert Kunzel, treas.; Frank Zagar, rec. sec'y; Jacob Gruden, Sr., Mary Golob and John Korosec, trustees; Ann Slapko, Louis Godec and John Korencic, representatives to the Ohio federation.

In conclusion, I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the supreme and judiciary boards and the entire membership.

John Tanko, Sec'y

Cleveland Bowling

Cleveland, O. — Euclid Dairy lost the first game to the Perme Tailors, but managed to connect for the two remaining games for victories, in the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League last Sunday, Dec. 18. F. Korosec with a 3-game series of 613 topped the Dairymen. Collinwood Bakery also connected for two victories at the expense of Stein Cafe, dropping the second game. Poklar's Service, although losing the first set, garnered enough pins in the second and third games to emerge with two victories over Dolgan Hardware.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, Collinwood Bakery made it two out of three from Euclid Dairy, Dolgan Hardware made it two out of three from Perme Tailors and Stein Cafe annexed two victories and one defeat at the hands of Poklar Service.

RULES GOVERNING THE SECOND ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CAMPAIGN

All adult members, between the ages of 16 and 35, are eligible to run as candidates for delegates to the second national athletic conference, which will be held in Ely, Minn., on August 4, 5 and 6.

Candidates for delegates must submit their entries as such to their lodge secretary between December 1, 1938 and January 31, 1939. The local secretary in turn will report their names to the home office.

The membership campaign, including the third juvenile convention and second athletic conference, will be of six months' duration, between January 1 and June 30, 1939, and the candidate from each section who shall write up the most insurance in the adult department, but not less than \$5,000.00, shall be declared delegate. The SSCU is divided into 28 sections.

Each candidate who shall secure \$10,000.00 worth of new insurance to his credit during the six-month interval, automatically is elected delegate, regardless of the amount written up by his colleague in his section.

Only new members in the adult department shall count as credits for candidates. Transferred members from the juvenile department into the senior group shall not count as new insurance for candidates; neither will increase in death benefits by members already enrolled in the SSCU.

Candidates may enroll new members not only into their own lodge, but into any lodge included in their section.

After March 1, 1939 transfer of written up insurance from one candidate to the credit of another candidate will not be permitted.

Delegates will be given free transportation to and from Ely, Minn., and four dollars a day expenses during travel and stay in Ely. They will have to pay for their own room and meals in Ely.

More News From Philadelphia

Meditation

Unity, Pa. — The year of 1938 will soon roll up its last curtain and close the doors for 1938. Many important events occurred this past year, chief of which was the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of our grand SSCU. Various lodges throughout the different states took part in this great commemoration. By taking part the lodges enrolled new members, and also advertising our Union.

What should be stressed now is the fact that time marches on, and that there are still many prospects who could become brother or sister members with a little bit of work on the part of those already in our grand Union. We all realize that insurance today is almost a necessity. Our SSCU can provide the best insurance for your friend, relative, acquaintance, if you will give it the opportunity. The SSCU has one of the finest financial positions among the fraternal societies.

I wish to take this means also to extend my heartiest wishes and greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to my colleagues on the supreme board, the supreme judiciary committee and the entire membership of the SSCU.

Be an SSCU Booster.
Paul J. O'Block
2d Supreme Vice-Pres.

LITTLE STAN'S ARTICLE

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land, was the first. The big campaign which opens on New Year's Day, and continues for six months is rapidly gaining momentum. After the first of the year, the filing of candidates will keep the secretarial forces at the Home Office very, very busy! Hop on the band wagon! Join the parade of delegates to these great events in the heart of Minnesota's famous Arrowhead country. Juveniles and those from 16 to 35 should make it their business to do just that.

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Mentioned was also the campaign for new members which will be held from Jan. 1, 1939 through June 30, 1939, and all members were asked to co-operate with the officers in order to give our lodge some representation at the athletic conference and the juvenile convention.

Supreme Secretary Anton Zbasnik made some important remarks as did also members. After the meeting refreshments were served.

Meetings next year will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the National Home every second Sunday of each month. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Lodge 1

Frank Tomsich, Jr., Sec'y.

Center Ramblers

Center, Pa. — The annual meeting of Center Ramblers lodge, No. 221, SSCU was well attended. Officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Pres., Frank Yearn; Vice-pres., Antoinette Pintar; Treas., Frank Kalik; Secretary, Frances Mozina; Recording Secretary, Isabell Erzen; Trustees, Frank Pintar, Mary Oblock, and Joe Sobr. Publicity Committee, Paul Oblock, Ann Mihalchik, Mary Oblock and Frances Mozina. Sergeant at arms, John Horvat. Athletic Supervisor, Paul Oblock. The officers are willing to work hard and want the members to co-operate with them in 1939.

What's the matter with all of our neighboring SSCU lodges interested in bowling? Aren't there any bowling teams organized? We would like to hear from all of the teams. Center! let us hear from you. The same with Pittsburgh. The distance separating the communities is not very far, so let's get together.

Let's see more new bowlers patterned after the big boy in our lodge. Just report to R. Fisher and you will get your chance like big boy did.

"What do you mean, Biblical gown?"

"Oh, you know. Sort of lo and behold."

—Excavating Engineer

Rudolph Fisher

Contributions From Our Junior Members

ENUMCLAW, WASH.

mas holidays are approaching. The football teams are surely on their toes. Further west we find John Chacata from Enumclaw, Wash. expressing his feelings for football and the lightning storm.

The weather in Enumclaw, lately has been bad and very cold. Up to date, we have had only one snowfall, which some people enjoyed tremendously, reason being that skiing season is once again here. Skiing, by the way, is a very popular sport here in the Northwest.

On Thanksgiving day a very large crowd came to our highschool stadium to watch the Marysville-Enumclaw football game. Since Marysville hasn't lost a game for five years, you can imagine how surprised we all were when our Enumclaw boys won a hard battle 13 to 6. Marysville, I'm afraid, didn't like to lose their "never lost a game in five years" title.

Since football is over, our boys will once again start practicing for that ever-popular sport, basketball. Enumclaw has been undisputed champion of basketball in the Puget Sound League for the past three years. Our only hope is that we can keep that title this coming season.

I will have to close now, but before I do, I want to wish you and all of the juveniles the very merriest Christmas ever.

Rasie Mantel (Age: 15)

CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEAR EDITOR:

Christmas! New Years! Many are wondering what the future will be for them. Will all men be able to support their family? What will I do when I graduate from high school? I'm 16 now, shall I quit school and go look for a job? Shall I run away, so as not to be in the way? Shall I marry? These are many questions being wondered by people. Now that the year 1939 will soon be here can these people solve their problems? Sometimes I do wonder. Or will there be another depression? As to 1939 all I'm sure will turn their paths to the right side of the road. Look for only good things and pretend there aren't such things as depressions and wars. May I wish all luck, to people in distress.

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Back to our Magic Carpet. From Farrell, Pa., Anne Lucic begins her second chapter of "Into the Land Beyond." A very interesting letter... Dorothy Brezovec from Conemaugh, Pa., tells us about her school's football team and ready to leave us. I do hope you will continue reading letters written by the juveniles... From the same city, Thomas Lurk writes his first letter. Here is a youngster who is going to have many articles in the Nova Doba... Same state, but different city we drop in to see Frances Zele from Strabane. You're right, I do wonder where Veronica Barbish is keeping herself. To Pittsburgh, Elsie Klun, telling our readers about the Pilgrims and Junior Singing Society Concert. Let's turn to the western part of U. S. to Trinidad, Colo. We find for the first time Jennie Tomazin, telling us about stamp collecting. She herself is a stamp collector. To Pueblo, Colo., Theresa Ruper reminds us that Christ-

GONE, A MOTHER'S LOVE

Let me take you to New York to the poor district, known as the slums.

Only a week away from Christmas. Little Anne was 10. She had five brothers and sisters. Her father worked in the poorer factories. Her mother didn't like her, because she was a thin, dumb, always-in-the-way brat. The crash came. A fine lady known as Mrs. John Smithveringer discovered the little girl begging for food. She took a fancy to her and rode her home. Mrs. Smithveringer took a fancy to the family, and gave them the news that she would be willing to give Mr. Foster work and in the meantime would furnish them with a better home. The truck driver would come in the morning to take away their few belongings.

Quietly the hours rolled on, and at midnight Mrs. Foster had awakened and with a cruel angry voice called Anne to get up, telling her there wouldn't be room for her. Anne knew what this meant. To leave home.

Putting on her thin dress, shabby coat, shoes unprepared and a few belongings she left her room. To the kitchen. It seemed so sad. Poor Anne. Now she must prepare for her new life.

Twas morning and Anne was found curled up near an old building, a tall building with a little side curled up in a corner.

She must get busy. Anne would never

be able to go back to her old home.

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EUCLED, C

DEAR EDITOR AND READERS:

Whee, all out of breath again. Sometime, this keeping up with the rush of the world... pant pant... Hello Juveniles everywhere, how are you all out on yonder? With Christmas and the New Year coming on, you're all pretty busy I imagine. So am I. It's not only the holidays that have me going, it's all the hasty and scurry, rush and bustle you find among seniors in high school. What's that got to do with it?

Well, let me start from the beginning and give you the entire picture. You're here at Shore High School, as in many other places, it is almost time for mid-year graduation. — The time when students are given their sheepskin and set out on the road to meet the business world and the work-a-day class.

All their efforts in the way of practice are summed up and each and every individual is given his chance to put these principles to work. Of course, this is all really just around the corner and many things are taking place before all this.

There are senior pictures to be taken, there are to be styled and fitted, announcement cards to be taken care of and along with this dozens of other things.

For this work the Senior A's and B's join hands and cooperate to a remarkable extent. All this gets a good deal of the last minute details completed and avoids much rush later on. I could go on for hours with this, but let us drop it for the time being and turn to something more important — something that is stirring the SSCU world to such a vital point.

On New Year's Eve, Slovene Society Club of Euclid will sponsor a dance in the Slovene Society Home. Chicken supper will be served as an added feature.

Proceeds of the affairs shall be used to help build the Society Home in Euclid.

Regular monthly meeting will be held on the second Monday of each month at the Slovene Workmen's Home on 15333 Waterloo Rd.

The Center Club is sponsoring a Christmas Party on December 25th for all the children at the Slovene Home. Entertainment by the children will begin at 2:00 p.m. with plays and songs.

St. Nicholas will be there to distribute gifts. We'll probably bring a few gifts for grown-ups.

You know Mr. Sheffler is never forgotten, Santa knows who the bartender is of the Club. Dancing will commence at 7:00 p.m.

until ??? Good time is in store for all. To all, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John P. Lunka, Sec'y.

"How did George break his leg?"

"Well, do you see those steps over there?"

"Yes."

"Well, George didn't."

* — The Rail

And then there was the man on relief who was so accustomed

after years of unemployment to having everything done for him that he went out and married a widow with three children.

John P. Lunka, Sec'y.

"Wouldn't Bet on It"

He: "How about some old-fashioned loving?"

Tourist (at roadside spring): "Is this cup sanitary?"

She: "All right, I'll call Native—Must be; everybody grandma down for you."

uses it.

— Observer

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think of begging. Asking for small jobs him you are willing to participate in this spectacular event. Start working and make your dreams come true. Surely, if 86 juveniles had the initiative and ability to reach the individual quota of 30 new members in three months, you are able to secure forty members in six months. Just think of all the time you are being given to secure your members — snap into it and really go to town! Here is an opportunity well within the reach of every capable individual. Grasp it and hold on to it to the end. Make up your mind right now and determine to be in Ely for this gala event. It may be your first chance, and it may be your last, whatever it is, wake up and sweep the nation. There's a reward at the other end and it's one worth going after! Scoop it all up and make ready to be entertained by a great metropolis of delightful and hospitable hosts and hostesses. They will be waiting for you with open arms and all you have to do is walk into them.

Come on, gang, let's show them the juvenile of today can break all previous records. On for a bigger and better SSCU!! Adieu — with best wishes for the oncoming holiday to all of you. Albena Nosee

STRABANE, PA.

DEAR EDITOR:

First of all I want to thank you for the cash prize you awarded me for my last article. It certainly came as a surprise and also handy for Christmas is just around the corner. We had a snowstorm on Thanksgiving. The snow was from 9 to 11 inches high. Everyone got out their sleds the next day and had a grand time. The other day a teacher asked one boy a question which he could not answer. Then the teacher said, "Tommy, you never answer any of my questions. What do you think your head is for—just to keep your hat on?"

Frances Zele

No. 149, SSCU

ELY, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

This is my first letter to the Nova Doba. I was born on March 1, 1929 and now I am in the fourth grade. I love school. I am going to be an angel in the Christmas play to be given by all the grades, including the sixth. I wonder what Santa Claus will bring me. I would like a pair of skates very much. I take harmonica lessons. I am in the teenie-weenie band now for three years. I play the harmonica and this fall I started to play the ukulele. Mr. John Smrekar is our director. I also take piano lessons and my sister Florence teaches me. J

and my mother doesn't like me playing with my sister and I just love it. But best of all I like to play a harmonica with my sister accompanying me on the piano

I like to read stories and poems contributed by the juveniles. I think they are very good. I will try and write a story too, some day, and perhaps a poem also. Snow is here and time to put skates on. I am still waiting for my skates. It is any wonder then that I am impatient over the coming of Santa Claus. And if Santa Claus forgets to leave a pair of skates, I certainly never can expect to be another Sonja Henie.

Margaret Mary Startz (Age: 9)

No. 129, SSCU

COWANDA, N. Y.

DEAR EDITOR:

It has been quite a long time since I wrote to the Nova Doba. At last I have urged myself to write.

On Thursday, December

