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With the Cardinals

Struthers, O. — Hello folks, here I am back again after 40 winks of sleep. Same station, same network. Now we take you back to Oct. 19th, when the Cardinals held their dance which turned out to be a great success. We want to thank all of those who journeyed from far and near. Special thanks to the Collinwood Boosters, Joe and Louis Ivancic, Frank Milavec, Trosky Urbancic, Rudy Agnich, and Minnie. Rudy and Minnie really had a good nights sleep with Honorable John. They thought they slept in a saw mill I saw them the next morning and they looked as if a steam roller ran over them. Frankie and Joe stood at our place. While Trosky and Loycie stood at Slabe's. Didn't get a chance to say good bye to them as Frank Vlosich and I journeyed down among the hills in Western Pennsylvania on Oct. 20th. Here are some of the towns we visited. Burgettstown, Brownsville, Fredrickstown, Grindstone and Masontown and Sunshine, where we rode the ferry, mostly all coal mine regions where we spent the day with Frank Vlosich's relatives.

On Oct. 26th Cardinals were well represented at the Golden Eagles dance in Girard, Ohio, where we all done a little whirling to Frankie Yankovic and orchestra. Met Dot Rossa there chatting in a corner with Frank Rejek "Ah Hah!" I ain't talking but it was Stan Pogacnik's birthday the same day.

Mickey O'Renic and Irene Swier plunged into the sea of matrimony on Nov. 26th. Congratulations and the best of luck.

Wishing Mrs. Sam Clemente a speedy recovery of a recent illness.

Johnny Rubicky may soon join the Navy.

Cardinals bowling team is getting along fine in the Struthers bowling league. Here are some of the boys who are rolling them down. Tony Papalia, Bill Kinkella, Lou and Pep Babich, John Rubicky, Tex Boyarko, Frank Vlosich, Stan Pogacnik and myself.

Coming on Dec. 12, 1940 at 7:30 p.m. sharp our last meeting of the year. Everyone should attend this meeting as comes election of officers for the year 1941. Refreshments and a luncheon will be served after the meeting. Be sure to be there.

On Jan. 25th 1941 Cardinals are holding a dance at the Croatian Hall, 199 Lovellville Rd. Struthers, Ohio. Music will be by one of America's most popular Slovene orchestras. None other than Frankie Yankovic and orchestra is also second to none in his swing tunes of any orchestra of his size. Make Jan. 25, 1941 a date with the Cardinals.

Ho hum, I feel a siesta time coming on again. Guess I just got to go and get a few more winks of sleep and if I don't get up in time I want to wish every one a most Merry Christmas. So long, I'll be seeing you.

Edward J. Glavic

Lodge 78

Salida, Colo. — Members of lodge "Sv. Alojzija," 78, SSCU are urged to attend in full numbers the coming annual meeting on Sunday, December 15, starting at 10 a. m. A lodge

Lodge 26

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Now that December has arrived, the main topic in everyone's conversation is the annual main meeting of the various lodges. As every one knows, this meeting is by far the most important one of the year, and should be attended by all of the members. In Pittsburgh, the main meeting of St. Stephen's Lodge No. 26 will be held on December 15th at the Slovene Home, 57th and Butler Sts. This meeting, at which there should be 100% attendance, will start at 2 p. m.

Another important event in the month of December is the annual meeting of the SSCU Federation of Western Pennsylvania, at which the election of officers and other important issues will be dealt with. Every lodge realizes the importance of the Federation and, therefore, send its full quota of representatives to the meeting. This meeting should prove to be one of value and interest to both Slovene and English speaking lodges. The meeting will be held at the Slovene Home in Pittsburgh on December 29th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

As Christmas time is near, and everyone is thinking about giving gifts, I think that an ideal gift to give to your lodge is to go out and get a few new members. This is only one of many ways to show your appreciation for the many things it has done for you.

Your reporter is glad to see Mr. Joseph Matichic and his son Bill both up and around after their serious illness. Trouble seemed to have hit the Matichic family a double blow but Bill and his dad are all right now. Mr. Frank Kress, Supreme Trustee, has also recovered from pneumonia, which had him bed-ridden for several weeks.

Plans for the celebration of St. Stephen's Day, December 26th, will be completed at the coming meeting, so complete details will be published in next week's issue. Plans for something other than the usual dance have been offered, and they will be put up for approval at the meeting. So let's every one turn out at the meeting and decide what sort of celebration will be held.

That's about all for the present, so I will be with you next week with more news about Pittsburgh.

Your Pittsburgh Reporter,
Bob Jurgel, No. 26, SSCU.

Lodge 6

Lorain, O. — I take this opportunity to invite members of lodge "Sv. Alojzija," 6, SSCU to be sure and attend the annual meeting on Sunday, December 15, starting at one p. m., in the usual quarters. Inasmuch as this meeting is the final one for the year, a lodge board has to be elected. Absentees without sufficient excuses for not attending the annual meeting shall have to pay one dollar into the lodge treasury. So, the lodge decided.

My new address is 1917 E. 34th St.

Ludwig Vidrick, Sec'y.

board for the year 1941 shall be elected and other important business pertinent to the annual meeting must be considered.

Joseph Florjancic, Pres.

Lodge 149

Strabane, Pa. — The SSCU spotlight of Strabane is again centered on a dance. We want this dance to be the most successful that we've ever had. It will be a success if you and your friends will make it your duty to be there.

This dance, which is being held by the Bratska Sloga lodge 149, will be held at the New Slovak Home, on Iron Street, in Canonsburg. Canonsburg is a few minutes walk from Strabane. Here you will make many new friends, and renew the acquaintances you made sometime ago. It will be held on Saturday, December 14.

The music will be furnished by the one and only Joe Kramer who will furnish both modern and polka music. You may dance to your heart's content on the lovely spacious dance floor.

Sometime during the dance, we are going to give away lovely pair of pillow slips. They were hand embroidered by Mrs. Lavrich. I want to take this opportunity in behalf of lodge 149 to thank Mrs. Lavrich for donating the pillow slips.

Now just so it won't slip your mind, this great dance will be held on December 14, at the New Slovak Home, with Joe Kramer furnishing the music. Don't miss it!

Frances Zele.

Jeff. Collegians

Canonsburg, Pa. — The Jefferson Collegians Lodge No. 205 SSCU will hold their regular annual yearly meeting on Sunday, Dec. 15, 1940 at 11 a. m. sharp at the home of the secretary. All members are urged to be present, as the election of officers for year 1941 will take place, and it is every member's duty to elect the one that is most capable for each office.

Any member (without a good excuse) that is absent will be compelled to pay a fine of fifty cents (50c); and I do mean pay and how!

After the meeting a help yourself lunch will be laid out, to those that are present, with a glass or two of suds going with it. So you see, you don't only save a half a buck but you also get in on the feed. It is the wish of this writer that the members continue to support the officers in 1941 and years to come as they did during the year 1940.

At all the monthly meetings held by our lodge this year we had in attendance about 90 per cent present, so let's keep it up and make it easier on those that handle the responsibilities of the organization.

Louis Polaski,
Sec'y 205 SSCU.

Lodge 132

Euclid, O. — Annual meeting of lodge "Napredok," 132, SSCU will take place on Friday, December 13, in the usual quarters, commencing at 7:30 p. m. The duty of all members is to attend this important meeting, and absentees shall be dealt strictly according to the lodge by-laws. Plans for the following year must be mapped out at the annual meeting; a lodge board elected for the year 1941. Therefore, it is imperative that all members attend.

John Tanko, Sec'y.

BRIEFS

In Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, December 15, SSCU lodges belonging to the Illinois and Wisconsin SSCU Federation, will hold a joint Christmas party for members of the juvenile department.

Saturday, December 14th is the date of the dance sponsored by lodge 149, SSCU, Canonsburg, Pa. The event is scheduled to take place at the Slovak Hall on Murdock St.

Juvenile members of lodge 138, SSCU, Export, Pa., are in for a treat on Saturday, December 21st, when the lodge shall hold a Christmas party, in their honor, at the Polish Hall.

Pueblo, Colo., lodge 42, SSCU will treat its juvenile members to a Christmas party on December 15, at 11 a. m. in the Slovene National Home on Northern Ave. Santa Claus will be on hand to distribute gifts.

A joint Christmas party, sponsored by lodges 155, SSCU, and 333, SNPJ, Blaine, O., will be held on December 25. Santa Claus will make his presence and distribute gifts to members of the juvenile department. Festivities will begin at 1:30 p. m.

Walsenburg, Colo., lodge 101, SSCU, formerly known by the name of St. Felix, has changed its names to Western Pioneers, as decided unanimously at the October lodge meeting.

Cleveland Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Seventh Annual Cleveland Students' Poster Art Exhibit and Contest. The subject shall be "Home Building and Home Ownership." The contest is open to Cuyahoga County students of art schools, universities, junior and senior high school, and fifth and sixth grades. A public exhibition of the prize-winning and other posters will be held at the conclusion of the contest, March 20-29, 1941, in the auditorium of the Higbee Co.

Lodge 147

Canon City, Colo. — All members of lodge "Triglav," 147, SSCU, are urged to attend the annual meeting on December 15, at 3 p. m. This is the most important meeting of the year, and election of officers for the coming year is scheduled. Please don't forget the date.

Please be sure and be present as we also have a surprise awaiting you at this meeting. Wishing each and everyone of the SSCU a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Julia Skravec, Sec'y.

Lodge 94

Waukegan, Ill. — This year again the membership of lodge "Sv. Roka" 94, SSCU is urged to attend the annual meeting on Sunday, December 15, starting at 1 p. m. Assessments will be collected one hour before the meeting, starting at 12 noon. All members, both young and old, should attend this important meeting, for election of a board for 1941, and other important matters, must be taken care of at this meeting.

Anton Stanovnik, Sec'y.

Lodge 120

Ely, Minn. — All members of lodge Mary Immaculate Conception, No. 120, SSCU, are urged to attend our meeting which will be held Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cafeteria at the Community Bldg. At our annual meetings we usually elect our committees for the ensuing year and make things more lively than in the past. It would be a good idea to elect committees that have some original ideas and our meetings will become more interesting. So put on your thinking caps and bring those suggestions with you on Dec. 15.

After our meeting we'll have some fun and you are all urged to bring some pennies with you. So this, you are asked to bring or invite as many of your friends as possible. The more the better, and to all will be served a light lunch and coffee. To all of our members of lodge No. 120, I wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

To the juveniles of our lodge will be given 15c in cash to each and the parents are requested to ask for the above at our lodge meeting to save the secretary time. Those children whose parents are not insured with us are asked to come and get their 15c after the 15th of Dec. at my home.

In closing let me wish all the delegates to the last Convention held at Waukegan, all supreme board and judiciary members a very Merry Christmas and lots of good health.

Rose Svetich, Sec'y

Lodge 114

Ely, Minn. — On December 15, 1940, at 7 p. m., our regular monthly and annual election meeting will take place at the Yugoslav National Home. This meeting is one of the year that all members should attend. You will elect a president, vice president, secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, three trustees, representatives to the National Home Board and representatives to the United Lodges Board.

It is the desire of the present lodge officers that members of this lodge make the attendance of this meeting as close as possible to 100 per cent.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all SSCU members.

Joseph Milkovich, Sec'y.

Lodge 54

Hibbing, Minn. — Members of lodge "Sv. Franciska," 54, SSCU, are urged to attend the annual meeting in full numbers. The meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday, December 15, in Memorial Bldg., commencing at 9 a. m. In view of the lodge's by-laws, an absentee member from the annual assembly shall pay a fine of 50 cents into the lodge treasury. Excepted only are members on the sick list and those far removed from the seat of the lodge. Hence, let the members attend and thus avoid the payment of a penalty. A lodge board for the year 1941 shall be elected at this meeting, and rules governing the lodge for the next year also shall be revised.

Caroline Fink, Sec'y

"How to Keep From Growing Old"

By Little Stan



Little Stan

Ely, Minn. — Here it is a cold, blustery Saturday afternoon, and Little Stan is writing the first line of his weekly column. — Why, oh why, does a guy wait until the last minute before writing an article? That is a question that can be answered best by the old adage — "putting off for tomorrow what must be done today."

But last night, Little Stan started to write his story — usually a Friday night schedule. He finished a whole page. It ran smoothly, but the subject didn't quite hit your scribe in the right spot, so he literally ripped the copy out of the machine and tossed it into the good old round file — known to newspapermen as the waste basket. He tried to get started several times, but eventually about ten sheets of copy found themselves in the same predicament. It was just one of those off nights.

Saturday afternoon, in a state of desperation, he wondered just what subjects he should touch off the column with. And looking back, he thought you'd get a bang out of the problems of one of the gentlemen of the press. Heh Heh!

Here it is only ten more shopping days before the joyous Christmas season. Newspapers and radios throughout the nation are banging those days home. One by one they pass into oblivion. And each passing day brings the day of departure for Little Stan nearer and nearer. It's getting so he hates to leave, but leave he must.

For Ely has been very good to Little Stan. Countless friends and several good close pals will be sorely missed and it looks like there will be many days of loneliness.

But Little Stan doesn't like to think of such things. Tomorrow (the 8th) will be the final lodge meeting for Little Stan. That is the final as far as Lodge No. 2 is concerned. For in January, Little Stan will have enrolled or transferred into a lodge in Cleveland — which one has not yet been decided.

Even as he writes, your scribe is thinking of what he should say as a farewell gesture to the many lodge members who have so well followed through with the spirit of fraternalism. His heart is getting heavier and heavier as the day of departure nears.

One thing to look forward to is the closer relationship with our new supreme president, Janko N. Rogelj, and our editor-manager Anton Terbovec. Sorely missed will be the regular weekly press conferences with our supreme secretary, Bro. Anton Zbasnik.

It is nearing Christmas. And it seems such a difficult thing — the thought of moving during the joyous season. With a great big sigh, your scribe shakes off the jitters and is ready to move on in the good old style.

About five years ago, Little Stan had purchased a portable typewriter. It was the first ma-

chine he had personally owned. Now, in the print shop, there is a battery of five machines. Just for "old time's sake" he pulled the old portable out of its customary place and started to rattle off this article. And you know, the machine works darned well yet!

Another thing that is going to be hard to get used to is the new name of our SSCU. We are all so well versed in South Slavonic Catholic Union that when our new name, "American Fraternal Union" is mentioned, we'll have to stop a second and adjust ourselves. In future articles it will be well for us all to always say American Fraternal Union, and adjust ourselves to the new abbreviation "AFU." Eventually we will have become so adjusted to the new name that it will always be foremost in our minds and the "SSCU" a beautiful memory.

Last Week, Little Stan started the yarn about taking the good old Magic Carpet to the North Pole to visit with good old Santa Claus. Evidently the many AFU (SSCU) Santa Claus' located in 22 states of the good old USA must have read about the proposed trip for among several wire and letter dispatches received by your scribe was one:

"Dear Little Stan:

We, the fathers and Santa Claus' who are members of the AFU, took note of your intention to visit us in the last issue. We, having got together to discuss your proposed visit, were prepared to give you an ovation that would be second to none. And after completing all arrangements we discovered that you were unable to make the trip because of severe winter blizzards raging in Northern Minnesota where you live.

We were given to understand that your car stalled on numerous occasions, not because of engine trouble, but because of heavy snows. We were told that you had car chains almost completely worn out in only a few days. Your Magic Carpet supposedly immune to cold weather, failed to live up to its reputation. In short: You were stuck.

Considering all this, we the official Santa's of SSCU juveniles in 22 states, decided to lighten the burden by informing you that we shall personally call on all our juvenile members this year. And your proposed trip to the North Pole must be cancelled this year. Instead, we will visit with you, and decide just what course of action we will follow this Christmas. By the way, you can pass this information along to every juvenile in the nation! And say, Stan, it might be a little chilly when we get there, so could you maybe have a something little nippy on hand to put a little spirit and color into us?

Yours until Merry Christmas,
Association of Santa Claus' of AFU."

And there it is. You know, those Santa Claus' must be okay dokey! And will Little Stan have some of that nippy spirit on hand? You tell 'um!

It's getting around deadline time, so Little Stan will have to leave you for another week.

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Minnesota Fraternal Congress

Ely, Minn. — At the last annual session of the supreme board I was chosen to represent our organization at the 1940 session of the Minnesota Fraternal Congress. On Nov 23, 1940 I was present at the session which was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the Radison Hotel.

During the morning the various representatives of the 32 organizations affiliated with the congress registered and a short session was held.

During the afternoon session various speakers were present, the more prominent being Alex A. Benz, National Chairman of the National Fraternal Congress, who mentioned among other interesting facts, that the situation of the Fraternal Organizations is becoming grave with regard to the taxation programs which will be presented to legislative bodies in various states, to tax Fraternal organizations. According to Mr. Benz, legislation is being prepared in the state of Illinois when it will next convene as certain officials are trying to establish new sources of revenue for the state. A united effort should be made by all fraternal to combat such legislation as it will be a detriment to future progress of the fraternal organizations.

Another topic which was discussed very much, was the value of the juvenile departments as being the main source of new adult members, and various ideas were proposed to keep the juveniles interested and active, and in this way keep them on the rolls.

Our organization was the only Slovene society having a delegate present and I was given every consideration, for I was among those which was introduced to the Congress, being a national officer, and was escorted to the front of the assembly and given a seat of honor. It seems that most of the representatives attending these sessions are field workers, that is, they are solicitors for members of the various organizations. That is something which we do not have as yet, for we depend upon the active members to campaign for new members.

I believe that a considerable amount of information can be gleaned from these sessions, for the talks given by the members of the larger fraternal are quite interesting, although some of their problems do not concern us as yet, but may in the future.

Another speaker which I thought was interesting was former Governor Preus, of Minnesota, who was governor at the time the bill allowing fraternal organizations to write JUVENILE business, was proposed and he signed the bill giving the societies this privilege.

Before the close of the session the nominating committee named the new officers for the next year and they were all approved as selected by this committee.

At 6:30 a banquet was served and later various forms of entertainment and again some speakers were on the program, and at about 10 p. m. the activities of the 1940 Minnesota Fraternal Congress were completed by singing the popular song "God Bless America."

Frank Tomsich, Jr., Assistant Supreme Secretary.

She "I want a lipstick."
Clerk: "What size, please?"
She: "Three auto rides and a houseparty."

Lodge 55

Uniontown, Pa. — Members of lodge "Sv. Roka," 55, SSCU are invited to attend in full numbers the annual meeting on Sunday, December 15, starting at one p. m. A board for the coming year will be elected at this meeting, and rules and regulations governing the lodge for the year 1941 shall be revised as found necessary.

Santa Claus will again distribute gifts this year to members of our juvenile department. The big event will take place on Sunday, December 22, at the home of our president Urban Rupar, 59 Alma Ave. Parents should bring along their children.

On October 28th, our Bro. Joseph Petritich, one of the lodge organizers and charter members, passed away. Apparently never ill, it was a shock to learn that on the fateful morning he died of a stroke.

Our lodge has lost four members during the past seven months, which means that unusual expenses have been incurred because of this. The members, therefore, are requested to pay all their obligations to the lodge as soon as possible, for only in this way can the treasury receive assistance. In December it will be necessary to pay the lodge officers, and other expenses must be defrayed, and a low treasury will not help the situation one bit. Members who wish to know where the lodge dollars go are asked to come to the annual meeting to hear the reports of lodge officers.

Joseph Prah, Sec'y

Lodge 82

Sheboygan, Wis. — At the meeting of lodge "Sv. Janeza Krstnika," 82, SSCU, held on November 19th, it was decided to change the meeting date in December. This meeting is the annual one, and instead of taking place on the third Tuesday of the month, it will be held on Sunday, December 15, starting promptly at 2 p. m. Members are asked to honor the change in meeting date, and to attend in full numbers. The members of the juvenile department, too, are asked to attend.

Minutes of the last annual meeting indicate that for this month of December the lodge levies a special assessment of 25 cents, which must be paid by each member of the adult department. This is a lodge decree and all members should abide by it.

Further, I request the members to straighten out their assessments in arrears by the end of this month. Only in this way is it possible for me to prepare the books and present a clear record to the next board. Also, at the December meeting will be elected a new lodge board for the year 1941.

Refreshments and tasty sandwiches will be served after the meeting.

Joseph Yeray, Sec'y

Lodge 30

Chisholm, Minn. — Members of St. Joseph lodge, 30, SSCU are hereby notified to be sure and attend the lodge's annual meeting on Sunday, December 15, starting at 2 p. m., at Mahne's Hall. Administrative board for the year 1941 shall be elected at this meeting. Lunch will follow the session.

The annual Christmas party for members of the juvenile department will take place on December 21st, starting at 2 p. m., at Mahne's Hall. Tickets for this party will be distributed on December 19, 20, and 21 at the home of the secretary.

Joseph Bovitz, Sec'y

Dies Suddenly



JULIA ADAMICH

Word reached the Nova Doba office this week that on Friday, November 29, Julia Adamich, member of lodge 66, SSCU, Joliet, Ill. died suddenly at six p. m. while on her way to church. At the 16th regular convention, held in Waukegan, last September, Julia Adamich was honorary delegate, and delegates both regular and honorary will remember the young lady from Joliet, with a sweet voice and a kind disposition.

Enjoyed Celebration

Chicago, Ill. — Our English-conducted lodge Indians, 220, SSCU held a dance on its tenth anniversary, at the place of the lodge's inception, 1921 Blue Island Ave. Andrew Spolar, sr., organizer and member of Indians, also observed his 55th birthday on the same day.

Believe it or not, but the lady members of the Indians are some dancers, as four of the group found out to our great joy. The eats were swell and reasonable; when Andrew Spolar espied us, he must have said to himself "this is a veritable chicken graveyard."

Although Zvezich and I stayed until the end, our two companions, Krapenc and Golenko, vanished into thin air, left earlier. The celebration fulfilled every desire, and I hope the Indians gained some financial proceeds from the affair. The Indians can depend upon us for attendance at their future celebrations.

Joseph Oblak

LITTLE STAN'S ARTICLE

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But not before he tells you who the meanest guy in the world is — He lives in Ely, and last week about 5 in the morning with the temperature about 22 below zero, he pulled in the fire alarm near the First National Bank. So irate is the fire department that they posted a reward of \$50 cash for information leading to the arrest of the culprit. Brr! Imagine getting up for a false alarm at that early morning hour!

See you next week.

Stan Pechaver,

No. 2 SSCU.

Lodge 61

Reading, Pa. — The yearly meeting of lodge 61, SSCU will take place on Saturday, December 14, starting at 7 p. m. in the usual quarters. Each member, if he has any lodge interest at all, should attend this important meeting, and lend his efforts to make whatever changes are necessary for the future, and to elect a good, conscientious and able board. Progress of a lodge is dependent a great deal upon the action and efforts of the lodge board, which also requires encouragement and co-operation from the component members.

John Pezdirc, Sr., Sec'y

Lodge 225

Milwaukee, Wis. — Members of lodge "Zdruzeni Slovani," 225, SSCU are invited to attend the annual meeting on Sunday, December 15, at Tivoli Hall on 729 S. 5th St., starting at 1:30 p. m. I appeal to all members to attend for a lodge board for the coming year will be elected, and other important business transacted.

At the November meeting it was decided to fine absentees from the annual meeting in the amount of 25 cents each, the money to go into the lodge treasury. Excepted only are sick members. Members in arrears with assessments, and with medical examiners fees are requested to straighten out their obligations so that I may turn over a clear record to the new secretary. Refreshments and a light lunch will be served after the meeting.

Pauline Vogrich, Sec'y.

Chicago Bowling

Chicago, Ill. — Maryton Cafe team was the feature of the SSCU bowling league on Nov. 22nd, when they took a three-game series away from the leading Gottlieb Florist team. Also the Zefran Mortician team had a great night winning a three-game series from the Wencels Dairy team. Anton Golenko and Captain Joseph Fajfar were the stars for the Maryton, while Louis Zefron of the Morticians took the honor roll with a high game of 202 and a series of 544.

The standings are:

	Won	Lost
Gottlieb Florists	10	10
Zefran Morticians	13	11
Wencel's Dairy	11	13
Maryton Cafe	10	14

On Nov. 29, the fast climbing Zefran Morticians team took second place by winning 2 games from the Maryton Cafe team. Stanley Simenc sure pulled the last game out of the fire for the Morticians team which they almost lost. Even with their top notch bowler Tony Kovacic who slammed over a beautiful 210 game, the Wencel Dairy team lost two games to the leading Gottlieb Florists.

Captain Louis Dolmovich took high game for the florists getting a 206 and a 543 series winning himself a pair of bowling shoes, which are donated by Mr. Louis Zefran to any bowler reaching the high mark of 540 which was set by Mr. Bosko. So come on fellows, see who's next on the shoes.

Louis Dolmovich, Reporter.

Extends Thanks

Isabella, Pa. — We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the kind messages of sympathy extended by our many friends and relatives during the illness and death of our beloved mother and wife, Jennie Sedmak, who died on October 31, 1940, at 4 p. m.

We also wish to thank all of our many friends for their beautiful floral offerings, to lodge 85, SNPJ, and local union 6295, U. M. W. of A. and others who so kindly provided cars and helped in any way.

Mrs. Sedmak died at the age of 31. She was admitted to the Uniontown Hospital on September 23.

Surviving are her husband, Michael Sedmak, daughter Lucille, age 10, sisters and brothers Mrs. Mary Skoda, Greensboro, Viola Ketasik Carmichael, Elizabeth Benick, Leckrone, Felix and Frank Kirk, Leckrone, Helen Maslor, Jere, W. Va., Theresa Tomic, Merristown, and Josephine Kirk, Merristown, Pa.

Mike Sedmak

Lodge 200

Ely, Minn. — All members of lodge "Sv. Barbara," 200, SSCU are urged to attend in full numbers the yearly meeting on Sunday, December 22, at 9 a. m. in the J. N. Home. Election of lodge officers for the year 1941 is scheduled on the program of business and other matters relative to the lodge for the ensuing year shall be transacted. It is the duty of each member to attend this annual meeting.

At the last meeting, the lodge decided to present each member of the juvenile department 25 cents as a Christmas gift. The gifts in cash are to be distributed on Saturday, December 21st, at the home of the secretary, starting at 9 a. m.

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

Joseph A. Mertel, Sec'y.

Lodge 171

Republic, Pa. — Members of lodge "Vsi za enega, eden za vse," 171, SSCU are requested to attend in full numbers the annual meeting on Sunday, December 15, in the usual quarters. The lodge board for the next year shall be elected at this meeting, and other matters belonging to the annual meeting proper shall be disposed of. It is only right that all the members attend at least one meeting of the year, the yearly one.

Members are further requested to pay their assessments on time, that is, at least by December 25th.

Tomo Simrak, Sec'y

Western Stars

Rock Springs, Wyo. — All members of Western Stars lodge 202, SSCU in Rock Springs, Wyo., are requested to attend the annual meeting on Tuesday, December 17, at 8 p. m., in the Slovenski Dom. Election of officers will take place.

All those not present shall be fined. A lunch will be served after the meeting.

Fannie Jenko, Sec'y.

Lodge 66

Joliet, Ill. — On Sunday, Dec. 15, starting at one p. m. lodge "Sv. Petra in Pavla," 66, SSCU will hold its annual meeting at the usual quarters. Inasmuch as this is the yearly meeting, the members are requested to attend this meeting in full numbers, inasmuch as a lodge board for the year 1941 shall be elected and other important business shall be transacted.

John Adamich, Sec'y.

Starts Work on Gigantic Directory of Greater Cleveland Yugoslavs

Cleveland, O. — A professional, cultural and business directory of the Yugoslavs of Greater Cleveland, now taking shape in the hands of Mr. Anthony J. Klancar, was announced today by the Yugoslav Pamphlet Press.

Mr. Klancar just recently published his "Who's Who Among the Yugoslavs in Cleveland and Environs." All his experience in compiling this work, which is the first of its kind among the nationalities groups in Cleveland, will go into the making of his new work.

"I would like to get the co-operation of every professional, cultural and business man, so that the work I am undertaking now will not omit one single person who deserves to be in the directory. My directory will list every club, society and organization and their officers. It

For A Mere Nothing

A Short Story by F. S. FINZGAR
Translated from the Slovene by Valentine Orehek

(Continuation)

"When you stable burned down, who gave you lumber? You got almost all of it from me. Surely you won't vote against me now?"

"You are for the previous mayor? Go right on being so! But what did he do without me? Nothing! And if I'll not be on the council board, what then? Do you think you'll continue receiving aid for your grandmother? Just try and get it!"

Thus they drew around them partisans from the community upon whom they could count. For the first time agitation spread over the village. Threats, promises, strong drink and strife, everywhere, from morn till dark. Many good friends and neighbors were drawn into the conflict. Even the women cackled for both the living and the dead at the brook where they went to fetch water.

The only one who gained by all this was Lovric, the broker, who exerted himself on behalf of both candidates. He laughed and amused himself over the whole affair, chased after the public from tavern to tavern, drank at no expense to himself, and on top of that was paid off by both the great men into the bargain. He spoke far and wide but gained little from sensible men. And when he was sufficiently wine-d, he ridiculed both his patrons and related that at night he saw the devil lying at the summit of Strmol showing his tongue and railing at the village below. "Do I dream or have I really so many helpers down there?"

After long and poisonous preparation, the day of election came at last. And common sense won out. The adjacent villages consolidated and the angry-born factions were defeated.

Although the two crestfallen opponents relished each other's coming down, they were nevertheless so humiliated by their personal defeat that they did not dare go among people in the taverns for four Sundays in a row!

Their disaster did not wise them up. The shame which they had lived through . . . two such great men . . . enflamed their hatred even more. It pained both even to glimpse each other from a distance. It was as if they threatened one another with an unseen dagger that never coming close yet pierced always to the soul, so that the wound gaped ever wider, so that it seared and burned like a hellish flame.

One day, carpenters arrived at the Srebrnjak's. They began to pull down old posts along the property-dividing line and to set up a new fence the top of which they ran over with barbed wire. But hardly had several yards of fencing been put up when other carpenters already were at Hojevac's. These began in the courtyard and built a fence so high that the master, himself, tall as he was, could not see over it.

The other neighbors sniggered at this new display of extravagance and the village broker, who had somewhat caught the information that the Chinese nation is called, named this fence the "Wall of China."

And now the two families were securely separated.

But what, when planks will dry and even the most securely nailed ones will begin to spring cracks in the sun, so that an unseen eye may conveniently spy through. And of this eye even, were the neighbors acutely aware. It seemed to them that behind that fence there was always someone prying, now a hlapec, now a maid, now a child, sometimes even the master himself . . . that these looks penetrated and searched over everything like poisoned arrows.

It happened once that the two young lumps of both families looked through the identical crack at the same moment. They swiftly withdrew their eyes but not before they took their leave by spitting through at each other's faces.

To rid themselves of these further provocations as well, both masters took to nailing laths of wood over the cracks. And truly, the fence became so glimpse-proof that even a breath could not find passage through it.

After this the two enemies, as if tired of all the vexation they had loaded upon themselves, desisted a little. Even the village folk who had clashed during electioneering time grew friendly once more.

But this strange quiet was only on the surface. The storm was raging even more fiercely in the innards of both men. They watched each other's slightest move so as to be prepared to burden the other with annoyance and discomfort when the opportunity offered.

One day, as Hojevac was loading turnips on his wagon preparatory to carting it off to the city, he heard his neighbor's footsteps in the adjoining yard. A wily thought sprang into his head on the moment. "Wife! Bring out that big tub of butter from the pantry. I'm going to hide it among the turnips. You won't catch me paying the taxes on it. And hurry!"

A half hour had hardly gone by when the neighbor's carriage was already spinning along the Emperor's Highway. When Srebrnjak halted before the tax office he walked up to the guardians of the law and whispered, "Today a farmer is going to drive a big load of turnips in . . . he's so and so . . ."

needs the help of every Yugoslav in the City of Greater Cleveland," said Mr. Klancar.

there's a pair of horses . . . such and such are the animals. He has a tremendous tub of butter concealed under the load. Grab him!"

"Thanks, thanks!" And the happy tax collectors waited expectantly for the farmer who had such and such a load and horses. And the farmer drove up.

"Pop, what have you in that wagon?" "Turnips. You can see for yourselves. Here's the weight list."

"And what's underneath the turnips?" "Underneath the turnips?"

"Right. You've got something hidden under the turnips with which you're trying to evade the tax."

"If there's a dinar's worth of taxable stuff under those turnips, I'll make you a present of the whole load."

"Now, don't try denying it. Dump out the turnips nicely and show us what and how much you've got."

Hojevac simulated anger. He unharassed his horses and leading the animals away to the livery stable, left the wagon standing before the tax office.

"At your expense and upon your punishment!" the collectors flung after him. Then they secured men and started to ransack the great load of turnips.

Of course there was nothing there to reward their search. Hojevac had put a nice one over on Srebrnjak.

And so . . . another lawsuit. And for the villages another bone to pick, so that jokes were bandied about the two for five parishes around.

After the clamor raised by the comedy of the turnips had died down, people began wagging their heads suspiciously whenever they encountered Hojevac.

"Just look at the way he's aged!"

"And such an oak that he used to be. Look at the way he shambles around like a half-broken bough."

"Anger's sucked the marrow out of him."

"You can hear him scraping along even on a smooth pavement, and his pants are so loose they flap around his legs."

"Yes, the bitterness of the heart is worse than consumption. It'll twist him yet, just watch."

The villagers did not observe and reckon erroneously. Hojevac had calmed in completely. If anyone had attempted to cut down his fence or slap his beloved Primozek's face, he would not have stirred a hand in defense. Nay, he would not even have turned his head. He shuffled about his ward, loitered in the stable, and gazed lost in thought upon his possessions. When his hired hand harnessed the horses for plowing, Hojevac took hold of the plow to put it in the wagon. He shifted it but could not lift it into place. When he grasped the plow handles at the start of the furrow, they shook so in his hands that he had to support himself against his companion. He collapsed in the middle of the field and had to give up the plow to the other. He lay down then on a mound of earth and stone.

"You are ill. Go home and lie down," the hired man, who had never before dared do so, advised him. Hojevac glanced at him from under his brows and did not answer. When he had laid there long enough for the other to cut two furrows, he rose and took hold of the plow again. He had hardly cut two more when the sweat broke out all over him and his legs fell a-trembling. Out of a hollow chest he sighed, "How sorry-for-nothing I am." He left the plow and staggered home.

(To be continued)

DEAR EDITOR:

This is my first letter to the Nova Doba. I have always thought of writing, but never got the courage to do it until now.

Well, Christmas is just around the corner. I can see everybody here in Ely busy with their shopping. It won't be long now the stores will be crowded with people.

The Zupins better write soon because I like to read the articles they write. They are so interesting. Any way when I get the paper I read all the articles before I go to bed, but I can't forget them.

We really had some cold days in Ely. I almost froze my feet a few days ago. Now I know better to stay in when it is so cold outside.

I'll close now and try to write some other time.

Pauline Jerich (Age: 18)

No. 200, SSCU

CHICAGO, ILL.
DEAR JUVENILE MEMBERS OF SSCU:

I am writing to tell you to get ready for a big surprise and also a good time on Dec. 15. And don't forget to tell your friends and also your parents to keep this date open. Because this is to be bigger and better than we have ever held.

The admission is small—20c for non-members and children. We, the juveniles who belong, do not have to pay. But the older people who belong have to pay the same price, 20c. But it will be well worth the price. When you see the grand program, and each juvenile member will receive a gift and refreshments.

Don't forget December 15, 1940 at St. Stephen's Auditorium, Cernak and Wocott at 3:30 p. m.

Leroy Laflamme

Lodge 70, SSCU

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dovoljstvo vseh se take reči urejajo. Vsaka glava ima svojo pamet, kakor pravi tista ribniška pripovedka o zeljnih glavah, ki so se prevrnjene z voza, kotalile vsaka v svojo smer. Upam, da do takrat dobim tudi koledarje, da jih bom razdelil. In seveda, volili bomo tudi odbor za prihodnje leto. Torej, vsak, kdor more, naj pride na letno sejo v nedeljo 15. decembra! — Za društvo št. 20 JSKJ:

Joseph Novak, tajnik.

Chisholm, Minn. — Ta mesec je sezona božičnih in novoletnih voščil ter letnih sej. Tudi letna seja društva Sv. Jožefa, št. 30 JSKJ, se bo vršila ta mesec, in sicer v nedeljo 15. decembra, ter se bo pričela ob 2. uri popoldne. Na tej seji se bo volil društveni odbor za leto 1941. Obenem je navada, da se na letni seji delajo razni društveni zaključki, ki ostanejo potem v veljavi vse bodoče leto. Zato je želeli, da je na letnih sejah članstvo kar mogoče polnoštevilno navzoče. Tudi tisti člani in članice naj bi prišli na to sejo, katerih ni bilo na nikakor sejo že dve leti ali več. Člani, ki se ne udeležujejo sej, skoraj kar za člani niso smatrani. Včasih se čita na seji bolniška nakaznica člana, ki je zbolel, pa na seji navzoči člani začudeno vprašajo: "Ali je on tudi član našega društva?" Nikoli ga niso videli na seji, pa niso vedeli, da je član, dokler ni zbolel. Take malomarnosti ne bi smelo biti. Izgovor katerega člana, da ne pride na sejo zato, ker nima denarja, da bi plačal asessment, ne drži. Zaradi tega naj bi nihče od sej ne izostal; saj plača lahko pozneje. Torej, pridite na prihodnjo sejo vsi, katerim je le mogoče. Jaz bom v zborovalni dvorani že ob eni uri popoldne, da bo vsak lahko pred sejo plačal asessment. Med sejo se ne bo pobiralo nikakega asessmenta. Za po seji bomo imeli pripravljeno nekaj prigrizka in tudi nekaj "tistega od zida." Pozdrav in na svidenje v nedeljo 15. decembra ob dveh popoldne! — Za društvo št. 30 JSKJ:

Joseph Bovitz, tajnik.

Indianapolis, Ind. — Tem potom obveščam članstvo društva Sloga, št. 166 JSKJ, da se bo naša redna mesečna in obenem letna seja vršila v nedeljo 15. decembra. Vršila se bo v Slovenskem narodnem domu, in sicer v novem poslopiju, ter se bo pričela ob 9. uri popoldne. Med važnimi zadevami, ki pridejo na program letne seje, bo tudi volitev društvenega odbora za leto 1941. Člani naj se torej polnoštevilno udeležijo te seje. Bratski pozdrav, vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto vsem! — Za društvo št. 166 JSKJ:

Luka Cesnik, tajnik.

Cleveland, O. — Člane in članice društva Sv. Janeza Krstnika, št. 37 JSKJ, vabim, da se kar mogoče polnoštevilno udeležijo glavne ali letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 15. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v navadnih prostorih in se bo pričela ob 8. uri zjutraj. Na letni seji se sprejemajo društvena pravila in se voli društveni odbor za prihodnje leto. To bi moralo zanimati vsakega posameznega člana, kajti vsak, ki plačuje, bi moral vedeti za kaj plačuje in za kaj se izdaja denar. Solastniki društvene blagajne so vsi člani. Torej, vsi na sejo v nedeljo 15. decembra! Ob enem prosim tiste člane, ki kaj dolgujejo društvu, da ta mesec poravnajo, da bo mogoče zaključiti letne račune. Se to: po zaključeni letni seji nam bo na razpolago nekaj okrepčil, suhih in mokrih. Bratski pozdrav in na svidenje! — Za društvo št. 37 JSKJ:

Joseph Rudolf, tajnik.

Gilbert, Minn. — Člane društva Sv. Jožefa, št. 20 JSKJ, vabim, da se v obitem številu udeležijo letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 15. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v Community Center, v spodnjih prostorih, in se bo pričela ob pol desetih (9.30) popoldne. Na letnih sejah se sestavljajo društvena pravila za prihodnje leto, in čim večja je udeležba, tem bolj v za-

Rock Springs, Wyo. — Članstvu društva Sv. Alojzija, št. 18 JSKJ, se tem potom uradno naznanja, da se bo naša glavna ali letna seja vršila v nedeljo 15. decembra. Vršila se bo v Slovenskem domu in se bo pričela ob pol desetih (9.30) popoldne. Kdor se te seje ne udeležijo, plača en dolar v društveno blagajno, ali pa bo za en mesec suspendiran. Tako se glasi sklep zadnje letne seje. Člani naj izvolijo to upoštevati. Za po seji bomo imeli na razpolago nekaj Jelovškovega okrepčila in medicin iz sodčka. Bratski pozdrav in na svidenje! — Za društvo št. 18 JSKJ:

Louis Taucher, tajnik.

Milwaukee, Wis. — Člani društva Združeni Slovani, št. 225 JSKJ, so tem potom vabljeni, da se udeležijo letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 15. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v običajnih prostorih, to je v dvorani Tivoli na 729 So. 5th St., in se bo pričela ob pol dveh (1.30) popoldne. Apelliram na vse člane in članice, da se gotovo udeležijo te seje, ker bo treba ukrepati o jako važnih zadevah in obenem izvoliti odbor za prihodnjo leto. Upam in želim, da si člani na tej letni seji izvolijo odbor, ki bo deloval v korist članstva društva in Jednote. Prosim člane in članice, da ne odklanjajo odborniških mest. Ker je tajnik v resnici duša društva in najvažnejši uradnik v društvu, želim, da izberemo tajnika, ki bo res iz srca deloval za društvo. Jaz sem svojih sedem let tajništva storila vse, kar je bilo v moji moči. V resnici mi je bilo pri srečo samo društvo št. 225 JSKJ, dasi sem članica še pri treh drugih društvih. Dokaz mojega zvestega delovanja je število članov v našem društvu. Torej, izvolimo si na decemberski seji tajnika, ki bo vsem v zadovoljstvo.

Sklep seje meseca novembra je bil, da član ali članica našega društva, kateri se letne seje ne udeležijo, plača 25 centov v društveno blagajno. Izvzeti so samo bolniki in člani na potnih listih. Člani, ki mi dolgujejo na asessmentih in nekateri še za zdravnika, so prošeni, da poravnajo do 1. januarja, da mi bo mogoče knjige zaključiti in jih izročiti novemu tajniku. Po sklepu društva bo po decemberski seji pripravljeno za člane tudi nekaj prigrizka in pijače. Torej pridite vsi na sejo v nedeljo 15. decembra. Vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto vsemu članstvu! — Za društvo št. 225 JSKJ:

Pauline Vogrich, tajnica.

Salida, Colo. — Tem potom pozivam člane društva Sv. Alojzija, št. 78 JSKJ, da se polnoštevilno udeležijo prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 15. decembra ter se bo pričela ob 10. uri popoldne. Omenjena seja bo letna, na kateri bo treba izvoliti odbor za prihodnje leto in urediti še druge važne zadeve. Zato: vsi na sejo v nedeljo 15. decembra! — Za društvo št. 78 JSKJ:

Joseph Florjančič, predsednik.

Lorain, O. — Tem potom vabim vse člane in članice društva Sv. Alojzija, št. 6 JSKJ, da se gotovo udeležijo letne seje, ki se bo vršila v navadnih prostorih v nedeljo 15. decembra ter se bo pričela točno ob eni uri popoldne. To bo zadnja seja v letu, na kateri se bo volil odbor in se bo uredilo druge važne društvene zadeve. Kdor brez važnega vzroka od te seje izostane, plača en dolar v društveno blagajno. Tako se glasi sklep društva. Torej, vsi na sejo v nedeljo 15. decembra!

Pri tej priliki želim člane obvestiti tudi, da sem se preselil. Moj novi naslov je: 1917 E. 34th St. — Pozdrav, vesele bo-

žične praznike in srečno novo leto vsem članom!

Ludwig Vidrick, tajnik društva št. 6 JSKJ.

Struthers, O. — Po dolgem času se spet malo oglasim. Ko je naše društvo Cardinals, št. 229 JSKJ, imelo svojo plesno veselico 19. oktobra, nas je prišlo obiskat precej prijateljev iz Clevelanda, posebno od društva Collinwood Boosters. Hvala za poset!

Sledečega dne sta se Frank Vlasich in podpisani odpeljala v Pennsylvanijo na obisk. Obiskala sta mesta Burgettstown, Brownsville, Fredericktown, Grindstone, Masontown in Sunshine. En dan sva se zamudila pri Vlasichevih sorodnikih.

Dne 26. oktobra so bili člani Cardinals precej dobro zastopani na plesni zabavi v Girardu, kjer so našli nekaj clevelandskih prijateljev.

Novice: Mickey O'Renic in Irene Swier sta se poročila. Sam Clemente je bolan ter mu želimo skorajšnjega okrevanja. John Rubicky namerava kmalu vstopiti v mornarico. Keglaški klub našega društva je živahen.

Prihodnja seja našega društva se bo vršila v četrtek 12. decembra in se bo pričela točno ob pol osmih (7.30) zvečer. Vsi člani in članice naj bi se te zadnje seje v letu udeležili, ker na tej seji se bo volil odbor za prihodnje leto in rešiti bo treba še razne druge zadeve. Po seji bomo imeli nekoliko okrepčil.

Za 25. januarja 1941 ima naše društvo na programu plesno veselico, ki se bo vršila v Hrvaški dvorani na Lowellville Road v Struthersu. Za ples bo igral znani Frankie Yankovich orkester iz Clevelanda. Na svidenje na letni seji 12. decembra 1940 in na veselici 25. januarja 1941!

Edward T. Glavic.

Euclid, O. — Let

