

DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

Skupno božičnica za odrasle in mladino priredita obe društvi JSKJ v Gowandi, N. Y., namreč društvo št. 89 in št. 222. Božičnica se bo vršila 23. decembra v Slovenskem domu na Palmer St.

V Chisholmu, Minn., bo priredilo društvo št. 30 JSKJ božičnico za člane svojega mladinskega oddelka. Prireditve se bo vršila 23. decembra popoldne v Mahnetovi dvorani.

V Slovenskem domu naselbine Center, Pa., se bo na božični dan vršila božičnica z obdarovanjem otrok, katero prireditelj skupno tri društva, namreč društvi št. 33 in št. 221 JSKJ ter društvo št. 102 S. S. P. Z. Pričetek prireditve bo ob dveh popoldne.

Božičnica za mladino in odrasle se bo 25. decembra popoldne vršila v Krain dvorani naselbine Enumclaw, Wash. Prireditelj jo skupno štiri tamkajšnja slovenska podporni društva, med katerimi je tudi društvo št. 162 JSKJ.

Petintridesetletnico ustanovitve bo proslavilo društvo št. 26 JSKJ v Pittsburghu, Pa. Proslava se bo vršila 26. decembra v tamkajšnjem Slovenskem domu.

Plesno veselico priredi društvo št. 149 JSKJ v Canonsburgu, Pa., v soboto 26. decembra zvečer. Veselica se bo vršila v dvorani društva Postonjska jama v Strabane, Pa.

Skupno božičnico z obdarovanjem otrok prireditelj dne 26. decembra tri slovenska društva v Braddocku, Pa., namreč društvo št. 31 JSKJ ter društvi SNPJ in SSPZ.

V Conemaughu, Pa., se bo na večer 24. decembra vršila božičnica, katero priredi društvo št. 36 JSKJ skupno z drugimi slovenskimi podpornimi društvi. Prireditve se bo vršila v Alojzjevi dvorani in prihod Miklavža je naznanjen za 9. uro zvečer.

Na božični dan se bo v naselbini Finleyville, Pa., vršila božičnica z obdarovanjem otrok, katero priredi društvo št. 148 JSKJ.

Zveza JSKJ društev v državi Pennsylvaniji bo zborovala v nedeljo 27. decembra v Slovenskem domu v Pittsburghu, Pennsylvanija.

V Lorainu, O., se bo v nedeljo 27. decembra vršila plesna in kartna veselica društva št. 6 JSKJ. Postor prireditve: S. N. Dom.

Lepa božična prireditelj Slovenske mladinske šole S. N. Doma v Clevelandu, O., se bo vršila v nedeljo 20. decembra popoldne v auditoriju S. N. Doma na St. Clair Ave.

Za S. N. Čitalnico v Clevelandu, O., ki ima svoje prostore v S. N. Domu na St. Clair Ave., so člani društva Ilirska Vila, št. 173 JSKJ zbrali vsoto \$5.15 prostovoljnih prispevkov.

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RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN INOZEMSTVA

ZA PRIHODNJE zasedanje zveznega kongresa se že pripravljajo predlogi za poenostavljen predsedniški volitev. Sedanji sistem volitev potemtakem je samo še forma. Pri sedanjem elektoralnem sistemu volitev tudi poročno število oddanih glasov mnogokrat ne pride pravilno v poštev. Pri zadnjih volitvah je bilo oddanih za Roosevelta okrog 27,750,000 glasov, za Landona pa okrog 16,700,000, vendar je prvi dobil 523 elektoralnih glasov, drugi pa le 8. Izpremembe v elektoralnem sistemu pa ne more kongres sam napraviti, ampak se more kaj takega izvršiti le potemtakem amandamenta k ustavi.

INVESTIRANJE inozemskega kapitala v Zedinjenih državah bo v bližnji bodočnosti podvrženo mnogo višjim davkom, kakor je sedaj. Tako je vsaj namerna administracija v Washingtonu. Danes vlečejo tuji velike dividende od v Ameriki investirane kapitala, medtem ko domači kapital marsikje mrtev leži.

NA ZBOROVANJU koncilja za industrialni napredek v Washingtonu so delegati poudarjali, da industriji primanjkuje izučenih delavcev in da bo treba za razne stroke vpeti sistem vajencev. Delavska tajnica Miss Perkins je k temu pripomnila, da bo dolžnost vlade varovati take vajence pred izkoriščanjem. Poudarila je tudi, da bo treba najti zaposlenje za nad 40 let stare delavce, drugače jih bo na en ali drug način morala vzdrževati vlada, kar bo pomenilo večje davke.

POROČILA s panameriške konference v Buenos Airesu, Argentina, omenjajo, da zborovalci zelo žele, da bi se konference udeležili tudi Juan Stefanich, vnanji minister republike Paragvaja. Stefanich je popolnoma slovensko ime in bi bilo zanimivo izvedeti, če je vnanji minister Paragvaja res slovenskega pokolenja.

SOVJETSKI KONGRES v Moskvi je sprejel novo ustavo za Rusijo, nakar se je razšel. Nova ustava določa parlamentarno vladavo dveh zbornic, katerih člani bodo izvoljeni potemtakem splošne in direktne volilne pravice. Ustava določa svobodo govora, tiska in verske pripadnosti in do gotove meje tudi dovoljuje privatno lastnino. V mnogih večjih mestih Rusije so se ob priliki sprejetja nove ustave vršile velike parade.

VELIKA BRITANIJA in Francija skušata pridobiti ostale evropske države za skupno mirovno posredovanje v španski civilni vojni. Zastopniki teh nevtrálnih držav naj bi skušali pridobiti obe bojujoči se stranki v Španiji za premirje, nakar naj bi se pod vodstvom nevtrálne komisije izvršilo v deželi splošno glasovanje, da se ljudstvo izreče za sedanjo republikansko ali rebelno vlado. Rusija se je že v principu izjavila za tozadevni načrt Velike Britanije in Francije. Poslujoči državni tajnik Zedinjenih držav je tudi izjavil, da ameriška vlada iskreno upa, da bo načrt mi-

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OTROSKE IGRAČE

Delo in razvedrilo otroka je igranje. Zdravega in normalnega otroka si sploh ne moremo predstavljati brez igranja in igrač. Mi, ki smo zrastle na kmetih v starem kraju, seveda nismo imeli kupljenih igrač, kakšne imajo ameriški otroci, posebno po mestih. Zabavali smo se s pisanimi kamenčki, s polževimi lupinami, z raznimi sadeži ali pa s primitivnimi igračkami, ki smo si jih izdelali sami ali ki so nam jih napravili starejši bratje in sestre.

Otroške igrače so nedvomno tako stare kot je star človeški rod. Razlika je le v tem, da so bile igrače otrok pri primitivnih ljudstvih primitivnejše od igrač, ki jih dobivajo moderni otroci. Kolikor bolj so se razni narodi civilizirali, toliko bolj umetniške so postale tudi otroške igrače.

V Egiptu so pred nekaj leti odkopali zasuto hišo, ki je služila za stanovanje nekako 400 let pred začetkom našega štetja, in tam so našli igrače, ki v marsikateri spominjajo na današnje. Tako so našli iz žgane gline izdelanega jezdeca, sedečega na konju, drugega jezdeca, sedečega na raci, glinasto "punčko," kateri so se v sklepih premikale roke in noge itd. Slike na kamenitih ploščah ali na papirusu kažejo mačke, lisice in ptice, ki so se obnašale kot ljudje. Te so zabavale egiptovske otroke, kakor danes "Mickey Mouse" zabava moderne otroke.

V Zedinjenih državah predstavlja izdelovanje igrač veliko industrijo. Največja zahteva za igrače je seveda v božičnem času in tovarnarji oziroma trgovci se za isto dobro in pravočasno pripravijo. Glasom neke statistike bo letos v božičnem času za 20 milijonov dolarjev več igrač na trgu kot jih je bilo v preteklem letu. To vsekakor znači, da so časi boljši kot so bili pred letom.

Za otroke ženskega spola pridejo kot igrače v poštev največ punčke in kar zraven spada, namreč obleke, vtoriki, hišice itd. Ti predmeti tvorijo 25 odstotkov vseh igrač. Najbolj priljubljene so punčke, ki sličejo mladinski filmski igralci Shirley Temple; teh se je od leta 1934 naprej prodalo 750,000 komadov. Za dečke pridejo v poštev mali avtomobili, ki delajo šum kot pravi avtomobili, razsvetljeni miniaturni železniški vlaki s tračnicami, aeroplani z moderno opremljenimi letališči, zračne ladje, priprave za sestavo modernih vrtočev itd. To spada med novejšje igrače. Seveda so stoterih vrst starejše igrače še vedno v zahtevi. Tehnika in moderne gradnje seveda tudi prispevajo najrazličnejše vrste igrač.

Zanimivo je, da je med ameriški igračkami le en procent takih, ki spominjajo na kakšno vojaško aktivnost. Največ teh vojaških igrač se izdeluje v Nemčiji in dandanes se od tam importira zelo malo igrač. Nad 95 odstotkov vseh igrač, ki se prodajajo v Zedinjenih državah, je izdelanih doma. To je vzrok, da vojaki in predmeti med igračkami pridejo v tej deželi tako malo v poštev.

Igrače so seveda luksuzni predmeti in ta dežela izda vsa-

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REPUBLIKA ARGENTINA

V južnoameriški republiki Argentini so se pred par tedni zbrali zastopniki 21 ameriških republik, da se posvetujejo, kako bi bilo mogoče zagotoviti "mir ljudem na zemlji." Na ameriškem kontinentu vlada mir, toda vzroki za konflikte vendar obstojijo tu in tam, in te vzroke bo skušala omejenjena konferenca odpraviti ali vsaj zmanjšati. Naj bi bilo delo ameriških apostolov miru na vsej črti uspešno!

Republika Argentina, kjer apostoli miru zborujejo, je tretja največja republika na ameriškem kontinentu, ali druga največja v Južni Ameriki. Njena površina meri 1,153,119 kvadratnih milj, medtem ko meri Brazilija 3,285,319 kvadratnih milj, Zedinjene države severoameriške pa 3,026,789. Vse ostale ameriške republike so posamezno mnogo manjše.

Del ameriškega kontinenta, kjer je sedaj Argentina, je bil odkrit leta 1508 po Špancih. Mesto Buenos Aires, sedanje glavno mesto republike, ki šteje nad dva milijona prebivalcev, je bilo ustanovljeno po Špancih leta 1535. Leta 1816 se je dežela otrešala španske nadvlade in se proglasila za neodvisno republiko. Njena ustava precej sliči ustavi Zedinjenih držav. Predsednik in podpredsednik moreta biti izvoljena samo za en termin, ki pa traja šest let. Kongres sestoji iz dveh zbornic, kakor v Zedinjenih državah.

Prebivalstva šteje dežela 11,644,000, torej niti desetine toliko kot Zedinjene države. Prebivalstvo je precej mešano; poleg čistokrvnih Špancev, Indijancev in mešanecv je tam tudi par milijonov Italijanov. V Argentini je naseljenih tudi več Slovencev, kot v kateri koli drugi ameriški republiki, izjemo Zedinjenih držav. Največ teh priseljencev je iz Južne Krajine. Posebno veliko število jih je v Buenos Airesu, kjer imajo svoja društva, svoje liste in druge ustanove.

Dežela meji na republike Chile, Boliva, Paragvaj in Uruguay ter na Atlantski ocean. Razen ozkega pasu na skrajnem severu, leži vsa v zmernejem pasu. Rudarstvo je še malo razvito, vendar se pridobiva nekaj zlata, srebra, bakra, tungstena, premoga in olja. Večja industrija se omejuje na sladkor, likerje, moko in živalske produkte. Glavni poljedelski produkti so: pšenica, koruza, oves, lan, sladkorne sirovine, bombaž in tobak. Prideluje se tudi mnogo grozdja.

Neprekosljiva pa je Argentina za živinorejo, ker ima krasne in silno razsežne pašnike, zato je živinoreja skoro največje bogstvo republike.

Argentina ima imenitne pogoje za razvoj naravnih bogstev in vedno lepšo bodočnost.

SEZONSKE ZNANKE

Najbolj izrazite rastlinske znanke božične sezone so: poinsettia, holly in mistletoe. Za prvo nimamo slovenskega imena, ker ji je dal ime Joel R. Poinsett, ki je bil pred več sto leti poslanik Zedinjenih držav v sosedni republiki Mehiki, odkoder je prinesel lepo božično cvetlico poinsettijo. Njeni žarnordeči cvetni vencini v tem času povsod pozdravljajo.

Za mistletoe imamo sloven-

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BOŽIČNA DREVEŠA

V Zedinjenih državah se v svrhu božičnih dekoracij porabi na leto oziroma v sezoni okrog 9 milijonov božičnih dreves. To pomeni že precejšnjo industrijo, katere poslovanje pa je omejeno na prilično kratke čas.

Za božična drevesa se porablja skoraj vseh vrst vedno zelena iglasta drevesa. V slovensčini bi ta drevesa označili v glavnem za smreke, jelke in borovce. V Zedinjenih državah je tem sličnih iglavcev več vrst, pa za večino nimamo slovenskih izrazov. Poleg dreves, ki so kolikor toliko sorodna našim smrekam, jelkam in borovcem, se za božične dekoracije porablja ponekod tudi cedre in na južni pacifični obali tudi sekvoje ali redwood drevesa.

Iglavci, ki se spremene v božična drevesa, rasto večinoma v Canadi, v državah Maine, Michigan in Minnesota ter po goratih predelih našega zapadnega. Največ teh dreves, to je skoro polovico, kar se jih prodaja v Zedinjenih državah, pa producira Maine, najbolj severovzhodna država naše Unije; od tam se jih pošlje na trge vsako leto okrog štiri milijone.

Družbe ali posamezniki, ki se pečajo z industrijo božičnih dreves na debelo, pošljejo svoje agente že sredi poletja "na lov" božičnih dreves. Za to svrhu so najbolj pripravna drevesa, ki rastejo kolikor toliko osamljena po pašnikih ali redkih gozdihi. Drevesa, ki rasto na samem, so lepo razvita in imajo goste in močne veje, ki se pričenejo skoro pri tleh. Ko so kompleksi teh dreves izbrani in kupljeni, je treba organizirati domače delavce za sekanje istih.

S sekanjem božičnih dreves se prične že konci oktobra. Ponekod se jih z odsekanimi konci vtakne v vodo ali pa se kupi posekanih dreves pokrije s listjem in vejami, da ostanejo dalje časa sveža. Okrog Zahvalnega dne jih na tovarnih vozovih že vozijo v bližino železniških prog. Tam se po velikosti in lepoti sortirajo in zvežejo v butare, ki vsebujejo dve do pet dreves, nakar se naložijo na odprte železniške vozove in odpeljejo v skladišča velikih mest. Okrog 10. decembra jih prodajalci na drobno že lahko kupujejo od prodajalcev na debelo. Vsa kupčija na drobno se izvrši prilično v enem tednu pred božičem, in drevesa, ki so prodajalcem ostala čez božični dan, gredo v ogenj ali na smetišnišče.

Zvezni poljedelski departament zadnja leta navaja farmerje v raznih krajih, da obsejajo prazne in drugače neuporabne prostore z iglavci, ki jim prinesejo v nekaj letih lep postranski zaslužek. Drevesa upenjajo dobro na vsakem svetu in gojitev povzroča malo dela. Ako se v eni sezoni ne prodajo za božična drevesa, lahko počakajo za drugo ali tretjo sezono, in, če zrastejo prevelika za prvotni namen, so porabna za les.

Za božična drevesa se porablja drevesa od enega čevlja do pet in deset čevljev visokosti. Večja drevesa se porablja v to svrhu v velikih dvorinah ali na javnih prostorih na prostem.

Največje božično drevo v Zedinjenih državah je bilo lani

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ODMEVI IZ RODNIH KRAJEV

Statistike slovenskih letovišč kažejo za letošnje leto lep napredek. Bled je posetilo letos skoro tri tisoč gostov več, kakor lani. Pa tudi skoro vsi drugi letoviški kraji v Sloveniji, kot Dobrna, Celje, Dolenske Toplice, Kranjska gora, Laško, Rimske Toplice, Rogaška Slatina in Slatina Radenci, beležijo razveseljiv napredek v primeri z lanskim letom. Med letoviščarji je bilo največ Jugoslovancev, njim pa so sledili Nemci, Čehi, Avstrijci, Angleži in Madžari.

Glasilo borcev za osvoboditev severnih krajev Jugoslavije. V Zagrebu je izšla prva številka mesečnika "Legionar," ki je službeno glasilo združenja vojnih dobrovoljcev-borcev za osvoboditev severnih krajev Jugoslavije (Koroške, Štajerske, Medmurja in Prekmurja). V prvem članku "Zakaj izhajamo?" je urednik Peter Jelavič takole odgovoril na to vprašanje: Mali naši ljudje Hrati, Srbi in Slovenci, ki so osvobodili naše severne kraje, so potem, ko so izvršili svojo dolžnost, 18 let molčali. Zdaj pa ta mali človek govori z našim glasilom. On zahteva svoje pravice. To zahteva za svoja dela, ne naglašja svoje vojne slave in zaslug, temveč zahteva samo to, kar mu je domovina dolžna dati. Če teh ljudi ne bi bilo, mi danes ne bi imeli Medmurja, Prekmurja, Koroške in južne Štajerske.

V Vipavi so dobili pred dnevi nov občinski svet, v katerega so bili imenovani zastopniki delodajalcev in delojemalcev, kakor to določajo predpisi. V občinskem svetu so: Joahim Poštir, Ljotje Ferjančič, Rafael Kunta, France Bavčar in dva Italijana. Novi občinski svet se je pred nedavnim prvi sestel. Tudi novi kobariški občinski svet je imel pred dnevi svojo prvo sejo, na kateri je bil zaprisežen. Prav tako so v njem po pretežni večini ljudje slovenskega porekla.

Redka poštenost. Neki čakovski veletrgovec je med avtomobilsko vožnjo iz Lendave v Čakovce izgubil torbo, v kateri je bilo 200,000 Din. Avtomobil se je bil pokvaril in, ko ga popravljali, je torba padla v obcestni jarek. Veletrgovec je šel v Čakovce opazil, kaj se je zgodilo in takoj se je odpeljal nazaj proti Lendavi. Blizu Lendave je ustavil avtomobil kmet Peter Varga, ki je bil našel denar in trgovca tudi na videz poznal. Poštenemu najditelju je trgovec takoj izplačal 25,000 Din. Peter Varga je reven kmetič in ima osem otrok.

V Adi pri Senti je premožni posestnik Doža Karoli omočil svojo hčer-edinko in sledila je gostinja, kakor v starih časih, ko je bilo vsega v izobilju. Vaški pek je bil zaposlen s peko kolačev in raznih slaščic ves dan in vso noč, za mesnino pa so zaklali velikega vola, dvoje telet, dvoje pitalih svinj, deset prašičkov, 200 piščancev in 80 jagnjčev. Seveda so svatje temu primerno popili ogromne količine vina in žganja.

VSAK PO SVOJE

Ako bi ne bilo civilne vojne na Španskem, ako ne bi bilo neoficielne vojne v Aziji, na eni strani med Japonci in Kitajci, na drugi strani med Japonci in Rusi, ako bi bili že vsi Etiopci civilizirani z italijanskimi bombami, ako bi ne bilo Hitlerja v Nemčiji, Mussolinija v Italiji in posledic kraljevske krize v Angliji, kako lep mir bi bil ljudem na zemlji!

Velika Britanija je imperij, na katerem nikdar sonce ne zaide. Toda tudi na tem razsežnem ozemlju včasih sonce mrkne. Zadnje čase je povzročala hud sončni mrk po vsem britanskem ozemlju ena sama ženska — Mrs. Simpson. Bog ji ne zapiši za greh!

Sončni mrk na britanskem ozemlju je srečno končan, kajti kralj Edvard se je rajši odpovedal prestolu in vsej kraljevski navlaki, kakor svoji prijateljici Wally Simpson. Dali je bila ta v Ameriki rojena madama Simpson vredna take žrtve ali ne, o tem so mnjenja različna. Edvardu pa je treba priznati, da ni hinavec in ne slabec. Da bi njemu, kralju, par ministrov diktiralo, katero sme ali ne sme ženiti! Rajši bo plebejec, kot tak kralj, ki bi si niti punce ne smel izbrati po svojem okusu!

Seveda, Angleži ne bodo ostali sirote zaradi odpovedi kralja Edvarda. Prestol se še ni ohladil, ko je že sedel nanj Edvardov mlajši brat, vojvoda yorški. Dandanes je še tako na svetu, da na vsako izpraznjeno pozicijo čaka vrsta kandidatov; tudi na kraljevsko.

Za kralje in cesarje nisem nikoli imel posebnega respektja, niti v svojih mladih letih, ko sem bil še podanik Franca Jožefa; saj sem se mu slovesno odpovedal, kakor hitro se mi je ponudila prilika. Moj zadnji respekt do raznih veličanstev pa je padel pod psa, ko sem zadnje čase toliko čital o smoli bivšega angleškega kralja Edvarda. Vlada, ki je imela "pod seboj" nad 400 milijonov podanikov, se niti ni smela poročiti z žensko, katero si je izbral. Taka kraljevska oblast, pa figa!

Cesar se ni posrečilo Napoleonu, kajzerju Viljemu, Mussoliniju in Hitlerju, je dosegla slabotna ženska; zamajala je ogromni britanski imperij v njegovih temeljih.

Da-li je Wally Simpsonova res tako neumisljena lepa, da je s svojo lepoto začarala in s tečajev vrgla kralja, na katerega širnem ozemlju sonce ni nikdar zašlo, jaz ne vem. Sodeč po sliki, bi rekel, da ni. Toda slike in nagrobni ter drugi spomeniki večkrat lažejo. Vsekakor je res, da ni steklo toliko krvi niti za lepo Heleno trojansko, niti za očarljivo Kleopatru, kot se je zadnje tedne prelilo črnila za madamo Simpsonovo.

Tako, pa imamo spet enega brezposelnega kralja več. K sreči ekskralj Edvard za enkrat še ne bo padel na rame javne dobroteljske, ker mu je zagotovljen dohodek okrog pol milijona dolarjev na leto. To pomeni nekaj več kot tisoč do-

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DOPISI

Ironton, Minn.

Tem potom pozivam člane in članice društva sv. Alojzija, št. 123 JSKJ, da se polnoštevilno udeležijo redne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 20. decembra. Seja se bo vršila na domu društvene tajnice in se bo pričela o polni dveh popoldne. Na omenjeni seji bo volitev društvenih odbornikov za leto 1937. Sestrski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 123 JSKJ: Mary Turk, tajnica.

Chisholm, Minn.

Članom društva sv. Jožefa, št. 30 JSKJ tem potom naznanjam, da se bo letna seja vršila v nedeljo 20. decembra in se bo pričela ob dveh popoldne. Na omenjeni seji bo treba izvoliti društveni odbor za prihodnje leto in treba bo rešiti še več drugih važnih zadev. Rešiti bo tudi treba vprašanje, da-li se bo pri pogrebi članov korakalo ali ne. Za društvo kot je naše, je žalostno, da se pogreba umrlega člana udeležijo le po 10 ali kvečjemu 15 članov, dasi šteje društvo 290 članov. — Za društvo št. 30 JSKJ: Joseph Bovitz, tajnik.

Rockdale, Ill.

Vsi cenjeni člani in članice društva Vit. sv. Mihaela, št. 92 JSKJ so vabljeni, da se udeležijo društvene seje dne 20. decembra, ker to bo zadnja seja v tem letu. Na tej seji bo treba izvoliti odbor za leto 1937. Razdeljeni bodo tudi enotinski koledarji za leto 1937. Člani in članice naj se torej udeležijo te važne seje v kar največjem številu. Vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto vsem članom in članicam J. S. K. Jednote! — Za društvo št. 92 JSKJ: Louis Urbančič, tajnik.

Roundup, Mont.

Vsi člani in članice društva sv. Mihaela, št. 88 JSKJ so vabljeni, da se gotovo udeležijo letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 20. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v navadni unijski dvorani in se bo pričela ob 2. uri popoldne. Na omenjeni seji bo poleg drugih važnih zadev na programu tudi volitev odbora za leto 1937. Vsak naj torej pride na sejo in voli po svoji razsodnosti. Morda bi bilo dobro, da se kaj spremeni v odboru. In nihče naj se ne boji, če ga doleti kakšna čast društvenega odbornika. Torej, da se vidimo vsi na seji 20. decembra! Sestrski pozdrav! Za društvo št. 88 JSKJ: Katherine Penica, tajnica.

White Valley, Pa.

Kot predsednik društva št. 116 JSKJ si štejem v dolžnost, da povabim člane našega društva, da se polnoštevilno udeležijo glavne ali letne seje, ki se bo vršila 20. decembra. V letošnjem letu je bilo par sej dobro obiskanih, zato upam, da bo tudi ta, ki je zadnja v letu, številno obiskana. Seja se naj udeležijo tudi tisti člani in članice, ki so zavarovani samo za smrtnino. Na letni seji se bo volil odbor za prihodnje leto. Čim več nas bo na seji, lažje si bomo izbrali odbor, ki bo delal za korist društva in Jednote. Seja se bo vršila v Slovenski dvorani v White Valley in se bo pričela ob 2. uri popoldne. — Za društvo št. 116 J. S. K. J.: Jurij Previc, predsednik.

Pueblo, Colo.

Člani in članice društva Marija Pomagaj, št. 42 JSKJ so vabljeni, da se udeležijo društvene seje v nedeljo 20. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v Orlovi dvorani (Routz Hall) na Northern Ave. in se bo pričela ob 9. uri popoldne. Asesment se bo začel pobirati

takoj po osmi uri, da bodo vsi člani lahko plačali pred sejo, ker med sejo se ne bo pobiralo asesmenta. Tudi po seji se bo asesment pobiral. Seja 20. decembra bo zadnja v letu, na katere programu bo več važnih zadev, med njimi tudi volitev društvenega odbora za leto 1937. Vsled tega je važno, da se članstvo te seje udeleži polnoštevilno. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 42 J. S. K. J.: Frank Rupar, tajnik.

Chisholm, Minn.

Društvo sv. Jožefa, št. 30 JSKJ bo priredilo božičnico ali Miklavžev večer za člane svojega mladinskega oddelka. Prireditelj se bo vršila 23. decembra v Mahnetovi dvorani in Miklavž bo prišel ob 2. uri popoldne. Kaj vse bo Miklavž prinesel, ne smem vnaprej povedati. Povem le to, da bodo tudi tri darila v gotovini. Vsak član mladinskega oddelka našega društva naj se zgleda pri tajniku pred 23. decembrom; dobil bo dva tiketa, katere bo moral prinesiti s seboj, da bo deležen Miklavževih dobrot. — Starši so proseni, da pošljejo otroke k tajniku po te tikete pravočasno. Josip Bovitz, tajnik društva št. 30 JSKJ.

Sartell, Minn.

Člane in članice društva sv. Stefana, št. 117 JSKJ pozivam, da se polnoštevilno udeležijo decemberske seje, ki je obenem letna seja ter zato najbolj važna seja v letu. Ta važna seja se bo vršila v navadnih prostorih in se bo pričela ob polni dveh (1.30) popoldne. Na omenjeni seji bo med drugimi važnimi zadevami na dnevnem redu tudi volitev društvenega odbora za leto 1937. Vsled tega je dolžnost vseh članov in članic, da se te seje udeležijo in izvolijo odbor, ki bo deloval v korist društva in Jednote. Na seji 20. decembra bodo razdeljeni tudi enotinski stenski koledarji. Na svidenje na letni seji 20. decembra! Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 117 JSKJ: Frank Triller, tajnik.

Homer City, Pa.

Članom in članicam društva sv. Franciška, št. 122 JSKJ naznanjam, da se bo naša glavna letna seja vršila v nedeljo 20. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v navadnih prostorih in se bo pričela ob eni uri popoldne. Na omenjeni seji bo treba izvoliti odbor za leto 1937 in obenem rešiti še več drugih važnih zadev. Vsled tega je važno, da se te seje udeležijo vsi člani in članice. Na novembarski seji je bilo sklenjeno, da člani, ki se ne udeležijo seje 20. decembra, plačajo po 50 centov v društveno blagajno. Izvzeti so le bolniki, ki so na bolniški listi, neenakopravni člani in članice, kakor tudi oddaljeni člani, plačajo v društveno blagajno po 50 centov. Sklep društva velja za vse članove enako. Torej, vsi na sejo 20. decembra! — Za društvo št. 122 JSKJ: Ignatz Perppar, zapisnikar.

Eveleth, Minn.

Letna seja društva sv. Ime Jezus, št. 25 JSKJ se bo vršila v nedeljo 27. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v cerkveni dvorani in se bo pričela ob 8.45 dopoldne. Na omenjeni seji se bo volilo društveni odbor za leto 1937 in ukrepalo se bo še o drugih važnih zadevah. Med drugim bo treba tudi doletiti, kje se bodo v bodoče vršile naše mesečne seje. Člani so vabljeni, da se te važne seje, ki bo zadnja v letu, udeležijo stoprocentno. Vsi člani so tudi proseni, da plačajo asesmente do 27. decembra, čeziroma na seji 27. decembra. To je potrebno, da

zamoreta tajnik in blagajnik urediti knjige za nadzorni odbor. Na seji 27. decembra bodo članom tudi razdeljeni enotinski stenski koledarji. Če bi kdo ne mogel na sejo, se lahko oglasi za koledar tudi na mojem domu. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 25 JSKJ: Frank Urbiha Jr., tajnik.

Ely, Minn.

Vsi člani društva Slovenec, št. 114 JSKJ so vabljeni, da se udeležijo letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 20. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v Jugoslovanskem narodnem domu in se bo pričela ob 7. uri zvečer. Na omenjeni seji bo volitev društvenega odbora za leto 1937, poleg tega pa bo treba ukrepati še o drugih važnih zadevah. Tudi mladinski člani našega društva so vabljeni, da pridejo na to sejo, kajti, ko bodo društveni posli končani, bo prišel Miklavž, ki bo razdelil božična darila. Servirana bodo tudi okrepčila. Torej so vabljeni vsi člani in članice obeh oddelkov, da se gotovo udeležijo važne seje v nedeljo 20. decembra. — Za društvo Slovenec, št. 114 JSKJ: Peter Skradski, tajnik.

Joliet, Ill.

Predno se poslovimo od leta 1936, ki se bliža zatonu, si moramo napraviti načrt za društveno poslovanje v prihodnjem letu. Zato je dolžnost vsakega članstva društva sv. Petra in Pavla, št. 66 JSKJ, da se udeležijo prihodnje mesečne in obenem letne seje, katere se bo vršila v nedeljo 20. decembra ob navadni uri. Na isti se bo, kakor po navadi, volil odbor za prihodnje leto. Od odbora je največ odvisno, da-li društvo napreduje ali ne. Zato naj pridejo vsi člani in članice na prihodnjo sejo in si izvolijo odbor, ki bo vsem po volji. Pri tej priliki bi pripomnečal, da se tudi mlajša generacija poprime društvenega dela, katerega se bo morala prej ali pozneje. Tisti, ki še niso dobili enotinskih stenskih koledarjev za leto 1937, naj pridejo na prihodnjo sejo, da jim jih razdelim. Koledarji so prav lepi. Članom koledarje po domovih raznašati ne utegnem, vsak naj pride sam ponj na sejo.

K sklepu voščim vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto vsem članom in članicam društva sv. Petra in Pavla, št. 66 JSKJ, in sploh vsemu članstvu J. S. K. Jednote. — Za društvo št. 66 JSKJ: Peter Musich, tajnik.

Sharon, Pa.

Tem potom pozivam vse članke društva Sloga, št. 174 JSKJ, da se gotovo udeležijo letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 20. decembra in se bo pričela ob eni uri popoldne. Na omenjeni seji bo treba vse potrebno urediti za poslovanje prihodnjega leta. Nekateri člani so že obljubili, da bodo po končani seji poslali po galono californijskinega, za prigrizek bodo pa klobase, torej naj nikdo ne zamudi teh prilik. Člane prosim, da skušajo ta mesec plačati svoje asesmente pred 25. dnem, ker bi želel oddati asesment na glavnega blagajnika vsaj 24. decembra. S tem bodo člani pomagali, da bo vse pravočasno urejeno pri društvu in tudi v glavnem gradu. Tiste, ki kaj dolgujejo društvu, prosim, da bi ta mesec poravnali svoj dolg. Onim, ki ne prihajajo na seje, sporočim, da mi svoje asesmente lahko plačajo vsak dan v mesecu, samo to jih prosim, da to store pred 25. decembrom. Članom Slovenskega doma naznanjam, da se bo vršila seja 27. decembra. Omenjena seja bo zelo važna za vse član-

stvo. Seja se bo pričela ob eni uri popoldne. Bratski pozdrav!

Frank Kramar, tajnik društva št. 174 JSKJ.

Gilbert, Minn.

Člane društva sv. Jožefa št. 20 JSKJ pozivam, da se polnoštevilno udeležijo glavne letne seje, katere se bo vršila v nedeljo 20. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v navadnih prostorih in se bo pričela točno ob 9. uri popoldne. Tudi vsi mladi člani odraslega oddelka so proseni, da se te seje udeležijo. Po večini vsi razumejo slovensko, in ako kateri ne zna česa prav po slovensko povedati, naj pove po angleško, saj mi starejši tudi nekoliko angleščine razumemo. Nikomur se ni treba nič sramovati. Mi stari ne znamo prav dobro angleščine, mlajši pa ne prav dobro slovensčine, torej smo si v tem enaki. Končno pa vendar vsi razumemo toliko od obeh jezikov, da se pomenimo in razumemo. Potrebno je, da se letne seje udeležijo vsak član, kateremu je le mogoče. Na tej seji se voli odbor za prihodnje leto in delajo se društvena pravila. Ta društvena pravila bi moral poznati vsak član, da se bo znal ravnati po njih vse leto. Vsak član bi moral vedeti, kaj se je sklenilo na letni seji, ker takrat se delajo sklepi za društveno poslovanje prihodnjega leta. Torej, na svidenje 20. decembra! Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 20 JSKJ: Joseph Novak, tajnik.

Enumclaw, Wash.

Tukaj iz Washingtona se malokdaj kdo oglasi s kakim dopisom. Iz tega bi mogli rojaki po drugih krajih sklepati, da smo tukajšnji Slovenci izumrli ali pa zadremali. Pa ni res niti eno niti drugo. Še krepko živimo in dobro napredujemo. Včasih se tudi malo pokregamo, pa to je že stara slovenska navada. Saj pravijo, da prijatelji, ki se nikoli ne sprejo, niso pravi prijatelji. Tukaj so se društva štirih slovenskih jednot oziroma zvez združila v lokalno skupino, ki se imenuje Krain Slavonic Union, da skupno delujemo in z združenimi močmi pomagamo v potrebah našim članom in članicam. To je vsekakor prav idealno zamišljeno dejstvo. To skupno delovanje nam je omogočilo, da smo si zgradili krasno dvorano tako rekoč iz nič. Seveda so nam bratska društva iz okoliških naselij, kot Black Diamond, Renton in Issaquah prijazno pomagala, in mi jim bomo vrnili. Dvorano polagoma odplačujemo, ista pa nam prinaša tudi dohodek, ki so v prid našim članom in članicam. Poleg tega se pa tu in tam sami nekoliko pozabavamo. Druge narodnosti se čudijo, kako smo Slovenci zmogli vse to, in to nam daje pri drugorodnih čast in ugled. Na skupni mesečni seji, ki se je vršila zadnjo nedeljo v novembru, je bilo sklenjeno, da vsa štiri tukajšnja slovenska podporna društva napravijo na božični dan skupno zabavo. Zabava se bo vršila v Krain dvorani in se bo pričela ob 2. uri popoldne. V dvorani bo postavljeno božično drevesje in pripravljena bodo mala božična darila za otroke, za odrasle bodo pa na razpolago različna okrepčila. Imeli bomo tudi slovensko godbo, da se bomo lahko prav po domače zabavali. Vstopnina bo prosta; vsi stroški se bodo pokrili iz skupne blagajne dvorane. Torej, na svidenje 25. decembra ob dveh popoldne v Krain dvorani!

Rudolf Petchnick.

Cleveland, O.

Članice društva Marije Vnebovzete, št. 103 JSKJ pozivam, da se polnoštevilno udeležijo

prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 20. decembra. Seja se bo vršila v navadnih prostorih in se bo pričela ob 1.30 popoldne.

Ta seja, sestre, je glavna ali letna seja, in je dolžnost vsake dobre članice, da se iste udeleži. Rešiti bo treba več važnih zadev, začrtati bo treba pot poslovanja za v bodoče in izvoliti bo treba društveni odbor za leto 1937. Na seji bodo razdeljeni enotinski stenski koledarji, ki so prav priključljivi, in po seji bomo imele nekoliko zabave. Torej upam, da pridejo na to sejo vse članice, katerim bo le količkaj mogoče. K sklepu želim vsem glavnim odbornikom in vsemu članstvu JSKJ vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto. Jednoti pa mnogo napredka v bodočnosti. — Za društvo št. 103 JSKJ: Anna Walter, tajnica.

Aurora, Minn.

Članstvo društva sv. Jožefa, št. 85 JSKJ pozivam, da se polnoštevilno udeležijo letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 27. decembra in se bo pričela ob 9. uri popoldne. Član, ki se ne udeleži te seje, bo kaznovan v smislu društvenega sklepa, zabeleženega v zapisniku, namreč, da bo moral plačati en dolar v društveno blagajno. Izvzeti so le bolni in oddaljeni člani. Torej naj pride na sejo vsak, kateremu je le mogoče, da se izogne kazni. Sicer je pa letna seja tako važna, da bi se iste moral brez poziva udeležiti vsak član, ki le količkaj drži na svoje društvo. Saj je vsakemu znano, da se na letni seji voli društveni odbor za prihodnje leto, obenem se pa sprejema važne določbe, ki veljajo za društveno poslovanje za v bodoče. Torej, na svidenje na seji 27. decembra! K sklepu želim vesele božične praznike in srečno ter zdravo novo leto vsemu članstvu našega društva. — Za društvo št. 85 JSKJ: Matt Anzelc, tajnik.

Herminie, Pa.

Članstvu društva "Veseli slavček", št. 154 JSKJ se tem potom uradno naznanja, da se prihodnja mesečna seja vrši v nedeljo 20. decembra ob dveh popoldne v navadnih prostorih. Ta mesečna seja bo obenem letna, na kateri se bo volil društveni odbor za leto 1937. Te važne seje naj se udeležijo vsi člani in članice. Naj se nihče ne izgovarja, da brez njega bodo že drugi naredili in uradnike izvolili. Če bi vsi tako mislili in delali, bi ne bilo nikogar na sejo. Sploh se naši člani vse premalo zanimajo za sejo. Nekaj je takih, ki jih ne vidimo na nobeni seji. Spodobilo se pa, da pridejo vsaj na letno sejo vsi člani, katerih ne zadržuje v resnici važen vzrok. Na seji bodo razdeljeni tudi lepi stenski koledarji za leto 1937.

Leto 1936 se bliža koncu in treba bo urediti račune. Zato pozivam člane in članice, da se gotovo plačajo svoje asesmente do 25. decembra. Tisti člani in članice, ki kaj dolgujejo za nazaj, naj tudi poravnajo do 25. decembra. Večkrat sem bil dober za enega ali drugega člana ali članico, da sem založil asesment, zato upam, da bodo tudi člani in članice tako dobri v tem mesecu, da bodo točno plačali. V tem mesecu ne bom za nobenega založil. Kdor se bo plačal do 25. dne, bo suspendiran. K sklepu voščim vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto vsem glavnim uradnikom in vsemu članstvu JSKJ. — Za društvo št. 154 JSKJ: Joseph Batis, tajnik.

Chicago, Ill.

Člani in članice društva Zvon, št. 70 JSKJ! Leto se bliža koncu in običajno je, da

se članstvo raznih društev v tem mesecu zbira k letnim sejam, da uredijo društvena pravila za bodoče poslovanje in da si izvolijo odbor za prihodnje leto. Kar se na letni seji sklene, to navadno drži za vse bodoče leto.

Letna seja društva Zvon se bo vršila v navadnih prostorih v soboto 19. decembra in se bo pričela ob 7.30 zvečer. Tajnik bo v dvorani že ob šesti uri, da bo vsak član imel priliko plačati svoj asesment pred sejo. Članom bodo pri tej priliki tudi razdeljeni enotinski stenski koledarji za leto 1937. Člani in članice so vabljeni, da se udeležijo te važne seje polnoštevilno.

Vse tiste člane, ki še niso poravnali svojih asesmentov za november, prosim, da jih plačajo na seji 19. decembra. Prav tako naj vsi plačajo tikete za veseličarje tridesetletnice, katere se je vršila 24. oktobra. To se pravi, tisti, ki jih še niso plačali. Plačilo teh tiketov se zahteva od vsakega. Vsi imamo pri društvu enake pravice, imamo pa tudi enake dolžnosti. Člane, ki ne bodo teh tiketov plačali, bom imenoval, kadar bodo računski za leto 1936.

Nadalje prosim člane, da se potrudijo in pridobijo kaj novih članov za odrasli ali mladinski oddelki našega društva. Tisti, ki so čitali tozadevna poročila v Novi Dobi tekom leta 1936, so videli, da smo to leto dobili precejšno število novih članov v oba oddelka. Največ sta se za to trudila in žrtvovala sobrata John Pazez in Joseph Simenc. Čast jima in priznanje!

K sklepu še enkrat prosim, da vsi člani in članice, katerim je le mogoče, pridejo na letno sejo 19. decembra in da poravnajo vse svoje obveznosti napram društvu v tem mesecu. Vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto vsem članom in članicam J. S. K. Jednote! — Za društvo Zvon, št. 70 JSKJ: Andrew Bavetz, tajnik.

Cleveland, O.

Iz urada predsednika društva sv. Janeza Krstnika, št. 37 J. S. K. Jednote. Spoštovani mi bratje in sestre! Zopet vas kliče, da se udeležite glavne letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo ob 8. uri zjutraj dne 20. decembra v Slovenskem Narodnem Domu. Če bi vsi poznali svojo dolžnost do svojega društva, vas ne bi bilo treba pozivati na vsaj eno sejo društva v letu. Najbrž je ogromna večina društvenih članov in članic prepričana, da ni potrebna pri sejah. Bodo že društveni uradniki naredili, zakaj smo jih pa izvolili in zakaj jih pa plačujemo! Tako boste govorili, bratje in sestre!

Pa nimate prav! Društveni uradniki morajo tekom vseh dvanajstih mesecev v letu odgovorjati na važna vprašanja članstva, morajo skrbeti za napredek vašega društva, skrbeti morajo, da gre vse v pravem tiru s pravico in odgovornostjo napram svojim uradom, napram članstvu društva in napram pravilom naše Jugoslovanske Katoliške Jednote!

Podpisani sem bil predsednik društva št. 37 pred mnogimi leti, skoro še kot mladenič in sem vršil svojo predsedniško dolžnost skozi štiri leta pri našem društvu. Volja članstva me je na decembarski seji 1934 zopet postavila predsednikom, in upam, da sem vestno vršil dolžnosti tega važnega urada pri društvu. Vsaj oni člani, ki so redno zahajali na društvene seje, bi znali o tem govoriti. Delovali smo vsi društveni uradniki od prvega do našega vestnega vratarja po najboljših zmognostih. Vodili smo naše društvo in gledali, da je bil sleherni postrežen, da je dobil pošteno vse, do česar je bil upravičen od svojega društva in JSKJ.

Vse to smo delali, ko ste vi v največ slučajih lepo sedeli doma in šli na izlete ali pa premišljevali svoje pereče probleme brezposelnosti in drugo gorje, ki vas je tlačilo zadnja leta. Na redne mesečne seje je prihajalo nekako 40 članov vsak mesec, in to pri društvu, ki šteje skoro 500 članov v odraslem oddelku. Torej ena desetinka članov in članic je sledila verno pravilom Jednote in skušala društvo vzdržati na dobri podlagi pri vodstvu in postrežbi članom, do čim je 90 odstotkov članov in članic se ognilo vsem sejam tekom leta!

Mesečne seje bratskih podpornih društev imamo vpeljane iz vzroka, da se bratje shajajo in povedo svoje skrbi, svoje vzroke, svoje ideje, svoje načrte in predloge, kako bi moglo biti še boljše in kako bi mogli imeti večji napredek pri društvu. Je že res, da so društveni uradniki v prvi vrsti odgovorni za poslovanje društva, toda društveni uradniki dobijo svojo oblast in poverjenstvo od vas, bratje in sestre, in vi ste tisti, ki odločujete, kadar ni kaj pravi ali kadar bi radi imeli zboljšane razmere. Vaša navzočnost ni potrebna samo na glavni letni seji, pač pa na vsaki mesečni seji.

Mnogi so se pritoževali, da so včasih seje predolge, da se pa da se večkrat na sejah vnašajo prepriki ki škodujejo bratskemu sporazumu. Sedanji društveni odbor je na ljubezniv način skušal vse to odpraviti in imeli smo v resnici kratke, toda uspešne seje, prepričani ni bilo, in če je padla včasih morda ne-ljuba beseda, ni prišla nikdar iz slabega namena ali zlobnega srca, ker poznam vse brate pri društvu, da so vsi, eden na bolj, drugi na manj, uspešni način želeli društvu in Jednoti dobro s svojimi predlogi.

Decembra meseca 1934 je bilo na glavni društveni seji 105 članov, decembra meseca 1935 jih je pa bilo 117, in trdno pričakujem, da jih bo 20. decembra, ko se vrši glavna letna seja društva sv. Janeza Krstnika št. 37 JSKJ najmanj 250. Vodstvo S. N. Doma nam je obljubilo dovolj stolov, lojalni in zvesti člani društva poleg društvenih uradnikov, pa imajo za vas dovolj zanimivih predlogov, kako bi se dal ustvariti še boljše napredek za naše društvo, ki je največja edinica pri J. S. K. Jednoti.

Bratstvo vas prosim, da pridete na sejo. Bratsko vas opominjam, da nikar ne poznajte društva samo tedaj, kadar imate kaj tirjati od njega. Pridite zlasti tedaj, kadar imate kaj koristnega v svojih bistrih glavah. Naše društvo ima stotine članov, izkušenih bratov in sester, ki so kot dolgoletni delavci na društvenem polju takorekoč pri morani, da pridejo na sejo in pomagajo skupnemu napredku. Pridite na glavno letno sejo z bratsko ljubeznijo in z dobri mi naračili za svoje uradnike. Vsak izmed vas bo znal kaj dobrega povedati in vsakogar pametna in prijateljska ter bratska beseda bo upoštevana.

Opozarjam ponovno, da se glavna seja začne že ob 8. uri zjutraj radi volitve uradnikov, ki podaljšajo sejo. Pridite in izberite iz svoje srede značajne in zanesljive brate za svoje uradnike in prinesite s seboj tudi bratske, kristne predloge, ki bodo vodili naše društvo k napredku tudi v bodočnosti. S sobrat-skim pozdravom, Louis J. Pirc, predsednik.

Claridge, Pa.

Društvo sv. Mihaela, št. 40 J. S. K. J. je v mesecu novembru izgubilo dva člana, enega iz mladinskega, drugega pa iz odraslega oddelka. Po kratki in hudi bolezni je umrl Charles Minighiny, star 11 let, član mladinskega oddelka našega društva in JSKJ. (Dolje na 2. strani)

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Predbožične misli

Milijonkrat izraženo božično voščilo za mir ljudem na zemlji se zdi, da je dandanes dalje od uresničenja kot je bilo kdaj prej. Kljub temu je gotovo, da je želja po miru med narodi skrita v srcih vseh normalnih in dobromiselnih ljudi. Ako bi narodi, to se pravi, ako bi široke ljudske mase različnih narodov same odločevale o vojni in miru, bi bilo na svetu malo vojne napetosti in še manj vojn. Toda mnoga ljudstva so vključena v državne sisteme, ki netijo vojno napetost in izzivajo vojne.

Posebno velja to za današnjo Evropo, ki je, po vseh znamenjih soditi, na pragu nove velike vojne. Par držav je tam, ki naravnost izzivajo vojno, in vsled tega se morajo tudi države z miroljubnim vodstvom oboroževati in pripravljati za vojno, ki jim bo v doglednem času po vsej priliki vsiljena. Vsa Evropa, z izjemo skandinavskih držav, živi v strahu pred vojno nevihto. Tega pa niso krive ljudske mase same, ampak gotovi uzurpatorji, ki so si na en ali drugi način prisvojili vrhovno oblast nad ljudstvi.

Amerika je v tem oziru srečnejša. Vlade posameznih republik tega kontinenta so v splošnem naklonjene ideji miru med vsemi narodi ter tako izražajo želje ljudstva po miru. In čim večja je vojna napetost v Evropi, tem večja je želja po miru na ameriškem kontinentu.

V začetku tega meseca so se zbrali v Buenos Airesu, glavnem mestu južnoameriške republike Argentine, zastopniki 21 ameriških republik, da se posvetujejo in izdelajo načrte, kako ohraniti mir med vsemi temi republikami in kako preprečiti, da ne bi padale vojne iskre na ta kontinent, če v Evropi vzplamti vojni požar. Posvetovali se bodo o načinih za ožje gospodarsko in kulturno zблиžanje, kajti, čim bolj se vse te republike gospodarsko in kulturno zблиžajo, tem manj povoda bo za medsebojne spore. Močna vez med ameriški republikami, ki bo temeljila na demokraciji, medsebojnem spoštovanju in jasno izraženi želji po miru, bo v korist ne samo ljudstvu na ameriškem kontinentu, ampak bo morda tudi pomirjevalno vplivala na razburkano Evropo. Svoboda, enakost in bratstvo so zapisani tudi v srcih stotomilijonskih evropskih ljudskih množic, četudi jim razne diktature za enkrat ne puste na dan.

Vseameriška konferenca, ki se zdaj vrši v mestu Buenos Aires, Argentina, je bila, kot znano, predlagana od predsednika Zedinjenih držav, Roosevelta, in je bila od vseh sestrskih republik navdušeno sprejeta. Že pred tem se je vršilo nekaj sličnih konferenc, toda za nobeno ni vladalo toliko zanimanje in navdušenje kot za sedanjo. Sijajen sprejem, ki ga je bil deležen predsednik Roosevelt v Južni Ameriki, ne samo od oficijelnih zastopnikov sestrskih republik, ampak tudi, kar je mnogo bolj značilno, od prostega ljudstva, je nedvomno dokazal, da si ljudstva vseh republik tega kontinenta žele miru, na podlagi svobode, enakosti in bratstva.

Sedanja administracija Zedinjenih držav je ne samo z besedami, ampak tudi z dejanji pokazala, da želi ljudstvo naše velike republike živeti v prijateljskih in bratskih odnosih z ljudstvi sestrskih republik ameriškega kontinenta. To nam more dati upanje, da bo sedanja konferenca v Buenos Airesu na vsej črti uspešna in da bo visoko dvignila zastavo bratstva, miru in najširše demokracije.

Božično voščilo za mir ljudem na zemlji za nas v Zedinjenih državah ni taka farsa kot je za naše brate v Evropi, za kar smemo pač biti usodi hvaležni. Poleg tega pa moremo po svojih močeh pomagati idealu miru med vsemi narodi k uresničenju s tem, da podpiramo vse, kar vodi k vedno večji in popolnejši demokraciji. Čim popolnejša je demokracija, tem manj pogojev je za spore in vojne. Svoboda, enakost in bratstvo naj bi bili vedno naši svetli ideali.

Ustava Zedinjenih držav nam jamči široko osebno svobodo, brez oziroma na naše pokolenje in prepričanje. Vsa oblast izhaja iz ljudstva, in vlada je tista in taka, kakršno si ljudstvo izbere. Ako ljudstvo s svojimi izvoljenimi zastopniki ni zadovoljno, jih pri prvih volitvah pošlje v pokoj.

Nekaj sličnega je v manjšem naša J. S. K. Jednota, o kateri lahko s ponosom trdimo, da je res ameriška. Organizacijo vodijo od članstva izvoljeni uradniki, ki morejo ostati na svojih mestih le toliko časa, dokler je večina članstva zadovoljna z njimi. Pri naši Jednoti smo vsi enakopravni bratje in sestre. Pravila naše Jednote ne pretežirajo in ne zapostavljajo nobenega člana zaradi njegovega verskega ali političnega prepričanja in v nobenem oziru ne posegajo v njegovo zasebno življenje. Vsak lahko veruje, kar hoče, živi, kakor hoče, da je le v mejah postav te dežele, in pa seveda, da izpolnjuje svoje obveznosti napram Jednoti. Nihče ni večji, nihče ni manjši. Pri nas je svoboda, enakost in bratstvo.

Bratje in sestre, poudarite ob primerni priliki te odličnosti napram vašim prijateljem, ki še niso člani JSKJ in jih pridobite za vstop v naše vrste!

A. J. Terbovec:

BOŽIČNE KRAVATE

Kravate spadajo med najbolj nepotrebne izrodke naše civilizacije. Pod vratom jo moraš nositi, dasi ti zato ni nič gorkeje pozimi in nič hladneje poleti. Če je ne nosiš, nisi civiliziran. Pa ima toliko praktičnega pomena kot cof na puranovem nosu.

Kravate bi prav za prav morali imenovati hrvate, ker so jih v neki obliki prvi nosili hrvatski vojniki na Francoskem leta 1636. Francozi so imenovali naše brate Hrvate "Cravate" in to ime se je prišlo tudi ovratnic, ki so jih hrvatski junaki nosili. Od njih so se jih nalezli Francozi in jih pofrancosili v cravate. Ta podvrtna nadloga je torej jugoslovanskega pokolenja in imena, to pa je tudi približno vse, kar se jim mora šteti v kredit.

V starem kraju smo nosili kravate, katerih ni bilo treba zavezovati, ampak so se samo nataknile na gumb ali zadržile okrog vratu. Figura adjustirane kravate je ostala, kakor je bila formirana v tovarni, dokler se na "bunki" ni pokazalo cvetje ali dokler se tam ni nabralo preveč močnika in raznih polivk. Praktični ljudje so jo potem djali kuhati med krmo za prešiče kot zabelo.

Med naše prve čine praktične amerikanizacije, ko smo prišli v to deželo, je spadalo zavezovanje ameriških kravate. To ni bilo baš enostavno delo in nekatere je vzelo leta, predno so se navadili pravilno zavezovati kravato. Jaz sem se te umetnosti precej zgodaj navadil, kajti spominjam se, da sem že znal zavezati kravato istočasno kot sem znal ponoviti dve ali tri krepkejšje ameriške kletvice. In to je bilo zelo zgodaj v moji ameriški karijeri. Morda so mi baš tiste kletvice pomagale pri učenju zavezovanja.

Kravate so si po obliki prilično enake, toda z ozirom na blago in barvo jih je na milijone vrst. In razen redkih častnih izjem so vse barve in maroge grde. Vsaj za moj okus. Glede nakupovanja obleke, perila in čevljev nisem posebno izbirljen, toda če se mi posreči najti kravato, ki je vsaj deloma po mojem okusu, se mi zdi kot bi zadel terno.

Vsekakor, dokler človek sam zase kupuje kravate, že se gre nekako. Toda gorje, ko ti jih drugi izbirajo in kupujejo in pošiljajo v dar! In ravno v božičnem času, ki bi moral biti čas miru, prijateljstva in dobre volje, zagrešijo sicer dobro misleči zemljani največja neprijateljstva napram svojim prijateljem, prav s kravatami.

Zgodi se, da dobiš za božično darilo v lep, z rdečim trakom povezani škafli kravato take nemogoče barve ali tako kričeče marogasto, da bi se sunkoma zbudil, če bi se ti sanjalo o nji, da bi stekel pes, če bi mu jo navezal na vrat.

Ako je darovalec oddaljen, še ni tako hudo, ker kravato lahko pustiš v škafli in pozabiš nanjo. Če ne daš dosti na prijateljstvo, lahko isto kravato za drugi božič pošlješ v dar kakemu drugemu prijatelju. Seveda, jaz nimam takega sovražnika na svetu, da bi mu obesil kravato, ki je skregana z mojim okusom. Pokor pa je, če darovalec kravate večkrat srečuješ, in isti seveda pričakuje, da jo boš nosil ob vseh slovesnejših prilikah. Takrat pa imaš samo dve poti: ali žrtvovati prijatelja, ali pa žrtvovati svoj okus in nositi pod brado in takorekoč greti na svojem srcu kravato, ki te dela besnega.

Zanimivo je, da ljudje tako radi kupujejo in dajejo za božična darila ravno kravate. Temu je morda nekaj vzrok dej-

stvo, da so kravate vseh cen, od desetih centov do par dolarjev, in pa ker ni treba verjeti nikake mere oziroma številke. Vsaka kravata je izdelana za vsak vrat in v tem je vsa tragedija.

Precej pogosto se darovalci pregrešijo tudi z božičnimi cigarami, toda dober kadilec u- niči škafli cigar v enem tednu in nihče ne pričakuje, da bodo božične cigare trajale več mesecev. Kravate pa so po navadi jako trdožive zveri, posebno tiste, ki jih ne maramo.

Jaz nisem navdušen za božična darila, niti aktivno niti pasivno. Če bi si vsak božično darilo sam kupil, bi bilo največje zadovoljstvo. Ako pa že morajo biti božična darila, naj bi se izmed njih izločil vsaj plevel kravate. To bi v resnici služilo za mir ljudem na zemlji, ki so dobre volje. Sicer, če hočem biti pravičen, moram priznati, da sem bil tekom let deležen par božičnih kravate, ki so mi bile všeč. Kako je bilo to mogoče, ne morem drugače razlagati kot s čudežem.

Svoječasno sem skoro leto dni živel v malem, napol industrijskem, napol podeželskem mestecu države Kansas. Še zdaj se večkrat z veseljem spominjam tamkajšnjih belocvetičih katalp, žarnih vrtnic, šumečih pšenice, duhtečega sena in trnjevih živih mej, v katerih so vse poletne noči prepevali ameriški slavski mockingbirds. In spominjam se seveda tudi živooke plavalaske Pavline, s katero sva bila postala prav dobra prijateljca. Samo prijateljca, v vsej malomestni dostojnosti. Iz takega prijateljstva pa se v primernem podnebnju navadno razvije prava ljubezen, kakor se iz neboljenega paglavca v luži razvije prava žaba. In to bi se bilo najbrž zgodilo tudi v tem primeru, da ni prišla ymes božična kravata.

To se pravi, razvila bi se bila ljubezen, ne žaba. Pavlina mi je dala darilo za božič. Ko pa sem odprl s poinsetijski posejano in z rdečim trakom povezano škaflo, mi je kar slabo prišlo, sesedel sem se na stol in se skozi okno moje samotne sobice z motnimi očmi zagledal v zimski dan. Tako nemogočo kravato naj bi nosil in grel na svojem srcu! Moji občutki so bili skoro gotovo nekoliko podobni občutkom nekdanjega kitajskega mandarina, kateremu je cesar poslal svilenor vrvico, s prijazno sugestijo, da se naj lastno-ročno in z vsem spoštovanjem obesi.

No, polagoma sem prišel nekoliko k sapi in položil božični dar v predal k perilu. Saj škafli je bila lepa in deklica je nedvomno dobro mislila. Prihodnjo nedeljo sem bil na neki domači zabavi v eni sosednih naselbin. Nekaj pozneje je prav nepričakovano prišla tja tudi Pavlina. Prijazno me je pozdravila, toda ko me je pogledala pod brado, se ji je stemnil obraz, zasusela se je na peti in mi ni več dala lepega pogleda. Podarjeno kravato sem bil namreč pustil v škafli doma.

Tako je bilo konec prijateljstva in posledic, ki bi se bile lahko razvile iz istega. Nerojena ljubezen se je takorekoč obesila na kravato in storila žalostno smrt na nji. Od takrat so se mi še bolj primrzile božične kravate.

Pred nekaj meseci sem se sestal s prijateljem iz Kansasa, ki mi je povedal marsikaj tero novico iz idilične države sončnih rož. Na moje tozgodno vprašanje mi je tudi povedal, da se je živooka Pavlina pred leti omožila, toda zdaj je vdova; mož da ji je umrl po par letih zakora. Kaj pa je tako naglo spravilo, rojak ni vedel povedati.

Ko sem o tem pozneje nekoliko študiral, se mi je pojavila misel, da je morda Pavlina tudi svojemu možu kupovala take kravate, kakršno je bila tisti davni božič podarila meni, in, ker jih je revež moral nositi zaradi ljubelega miru v hiši, ga je od jeze zvilo!

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani.)

larjev dohodkov na dan. Za silo bo že izhajal, če bo varčen.

V Clevelandu, O., so mestni councilmani odglasovali za 66-procentno zvišanje svojih lastnih plač. V legislaturi države Ohio pa so legislatorji odglasovali kar za 100-procentno zvišanje lastnih plač. Tako glasovanje mora biti sladko!

Evropske države, ki dolgujejo Ameriki ogromne vsote vojnih posojil, so, razen Finske, soglasno izjavile, da ne bodo plačale obrokov, ki so zapadli 15. decembra. Najbrž si jemljejo vzgled po naših ameriških zamrznenih bankah, ki že tri leta svojim vlagateljem molče trobentajo, da ne bodo nič dale.

V naši beautiful Ohio imamo državno legislaturo, ki od julija do decembra ni imela nobene seje. Kljub temu pa naši dični postavodajalci baje zahtevajo, da se jim za vsak tehen teh počitnic iz državne blagajne plača dvakratno vožnjo v glavno mesto Columbus in nazaj, dasi so možaki doma sedeli. Na ta način nameravajo izkoristiti državno blagajno za okroglih \$27.000. To so simulanti, še vse drugačni, kakor so pri naših društvi! Jaz bi jim privoščil, da pridejo v roke našemu potrošnem odboru.

Približali smo se božični sezoni, v kateri vse mrgoli raznih pozdravov, zato ne bo odveč, če se zapiše par besed o tej komoditeti.

Pozdravi so različnih vrst. Nekateri so uradni, ki morajo biti, da se ne krši etiketa. Drugi so splošno družabni. Znano osebo, ki jo srečaš, moraš pozdraviti, ker tako zahteva oliko. Večina tovrstnih pozdravov pa je podobna papirnatim rožam, ki so brez vonja in življenja; ali pa črni piki konci stavka, ki nič ne pove, pa mora tam biti, ker bi je sicer manjkalo. Prav za prav to niso pozdravi, ampak okvirji brez slik, lupine brez jedra.

Toda v našo srečo in v mojo srečo je na svetu mnogo pravih honest to goodness pozdravov, ki so jasni in topli, kot poljubi dražestne pomladi.

Ne pišem dosti prijateljskih pisem in jih tudi ne prejemem dosti. Urednik nima časa za take reči, in sploh je sit pisanja. Pa prihajajo pisma z uradnimi naznanili in dopisi, in mnogim, res, prav mnogim, je neuradno pripisana drobna čestitka za to ali ono, je pripisano šaljivo vprašanje ali kratak osebni pozdrav. Malenkost samo na sebi, vendar je, posebno v tej mrzli sezoni, kot dih gorkoga juga, ki vzbudi v srcu veselje in iskreno hvaležnost obenem.

Na cesti, v gostilni, na seji, na kaki kulturni ali zabavni prireditvi in dvorani in še marsikje srečuješ znance in znanke, o katerih bi sodil, da jim nisi ne pet ne šest, ki pa te pozdravljajo s prijaznim "hallo," z nasmejanimi obrazi in z iskrenimi očmi. Oči ne lažejo, ker ne morejo lagati. Včasih, posebno v veliki dvorani, je znanec predaleč, da bi te mogel pozdraviti z besedo, pa samo dvigne roko in ti pošlje sončni nasmehek.

Vse to so malenkosti, toda v ogromni večini teh malenkosti je sama gorkota, iskrenost in nesebično prijateljstvo. In sr-

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Anton Zbašnik, glavni tajnik.

Vesele božične praznike ter srečno in zadovoljno novo leto želim vsem članom in članicam J. S. K. Jednote.

Louis Champa, glavni blagajnik.

Vse najlepše in vse najboljše za božične praznike in za novo leto 1937 želim vsemu članstvu J. S. K. Jednote.

Dr. F. J. Arch, vrhovni zdravnik.

ce pije te navidezno malenkost, ne izraze prijateljstva, kakor srka roža biserno roso v junijskem jutru.

Za stotere in tisočere take in slične pozdrave vem, da se ne morem nikdar primerno odločiti. Vsem mojim bližnjim in oddaljenim, znanim in nepoznanim prijateljem morem ponuditi v znak mojega odkritega upoštevanja in hvaležnosti samo nekaj milijonov sezonskih pozdravov! Hvala vsem in pozdravljeni!

A. J. T.

DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani.)

Na Štefanov večer, to je 26. decembra, bo v Slovenskem domu v Sharonu, Pa., servirana okusna srnjakova večerja vsem prijateljem Slovenskega doma, popolnoma brezplačno.

V Burgettstownu, Pa., je bil v premogetovnem rovu ubit John Cuder, star 56 let, član društva št. 40 JSKJ. Zapušča soprogo, sina in tri hčere. Rojen je bil v Trenti nad Bovecem na Primorskem.

V Clevelandu, O., je umrl Anton Zakrajšek, star 64 let, član društva št. 37 JSKJ. Rojen je bil v Dvorski vasi pri venskem je znana pod imenom Velikih Laščah in je bival v božje dreve.

OTROŠKE IGRAČE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani.)

ko leto zanje številne milijone dolarjev. Toda igranje so otrokom pol življenja, kakor so bile nam, ko smo bili majhni, in kdo bi jim ne privoščil veselja! Resnost življenja jih bo itak še vse prehitro objela.

SEZONSKE ZNANKE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani.)

ske ime omela. To je drevesna zajedavka, znana in domača v Evropi in Ameriki. Holly, iz katerega so spleteni znani božični venci, je domač ameriški član družstva št. 37 JSKJ. Rojen je bil v Dvorski vasi pri venskem je znana pod imenom Velikih Laščah in je bival v božje dreve.



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CURRENT THOUGHT

Christmas--a Necessity

In these turbulent days abroad, when one nation is in the midst of a civil strife, the horrors of which defy the imagination, while other nations are shouting threats of war at each other—there is an urgent need for a day universally dedicated and accepted by all to bring joy and happiness to the other fellow.

Such a day is Christmas. And coming as it will next Friday, December 25th, let us hope that the spirit it portrays shall soften the hearts of hatred, and that it shall make man more conscious of his duty to the welfare of mankind. Let us hope that the greed for territorial expansion, for trade and for power shall be suspended long enough during the Christmas holidays to enable cooler heads to prevail.

War! It seems but yesterday that the Armistice was signed, and how happy and overjoyed the public was to learn that the World War had finally come to an end.

Fortunately, the Americas are at peace with each other. Canada and the United States need no fortifications on the border, and neither is there any challenge hurled at countries to the south of us. We may feel secure, but what sinister forces may be at work undermining the minds of level headed citizens preparing them for war hysteria, under the guise of patriotism.

We were strictly a neutral nation in 1916, yet one year later we were regimenting human forces and natural resources, shipping them across the Atlantic Ocean in order to make the world safe for democracy.

If ever there was a need for Christmas holidays, the year 1936 can lay just claim as one in most urgent need. "Peace on earth" and "Good will towards men" should be shouted to the topsy-turvy European nations, and particularly to the powers who mold the minds of men into thinking in terms of jeopardy.

Christmas with its centuries of tradition—Christmas with its memories of childhood—when the whole world seemed to depend upon the arrival of Santa Claus—the happy children jumping around the Christmas tree with delight—the joy felt only by those who are unselfish with their gifts—that is what makes life worth living. How far removed is jealousy, mistrust, and the desire for more wealth on Christmas morn.

Foreign news editors and those who keep their ears to the ground for signs, all predict a war in the very near future. Several nations are involved including the native land from where emigrated our Slovene fathers and mothers.

What steps should be made to avert the world's greatest catastrophe? Should the nations continue to arm themselves to the teeth as a gesture for defense? Should the nations continue telling each other what will happen if the other nation insists on violating an act of treaty?

There is an old saying that kindness soothes even the beast. The world today is in dire need of words spoken softly, kindly and free from the poison of insult.

The world today needs not one Christmas a year, but one Christmas every month, if such an arrangement could be made possible.

Christmas spirit is very evident among our lodges, many of whom will hold Christmas parties for the special benefit of juvenile members.

The local branches following this idea of a Christmas party for the boys and girls are impregnating the young minds with a lesson in fraternalism that words—yes even pages of advice—will not convey. The young mind is very receptive, and also remembers an incident long after the seniors have forgotten about it.

The young mind is imaginative, preferring to associate good ideas, acts of kindness and "to be remembered" with a group rather than some unpleasant incident. For years to come the juvenile members will remember the lodge's Christmas party, and the whole-hearted spirit of Christmas prevailing.

A message from the editorial department

of Nova Doba: May all the members of our great South Slavonic Catholic Union enjoy the grandest Christmas of their lives, for deep down in our hearts we wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Ladies of SSCU

Joliet, Ill.—Our president's, At the conclusion of the home, that of Mrs. F. E. Vranichar, was the delightful scene of our last monthly meeting which took place on Tuesday evening, last. During the business meeting, plans were made for a BINGO Party to be held on Tuesday evening, January 19. Before adjourning the meeting, each drew a name of a member which notified her for whom she is to buy a Christmas gift to be used in an exchange.

Lucille J. Jevitz.

G. W.'s Again Win Thriller in Overtime Play

Cleveland, O.—It seems as if the George Washington Lodge, SSCU-Bukovnik Studio basketball team is destined to furnish many thrills for the Interlodge League fans at the games played every Wednesday.

On Dec. 9 the G. W.'s and Pioneers played three overtime periods before Al Golobic, lanky center for the Cherry Tree Choppers, sunk a basket almost three lengths of the floor for two points and victory. Final score was 23 to 21.

However, the Pioneers forced the G. W.'s into overtime playing, as in the first quarter the SSCU quintet was leading by 7 to 1; at the half the score was 12 to 11; at the third quarter 17 to 15, and 21-all at the end of the fourth quarter.

Frankie Cimperman led the SSCU aggregation with four field goals, while Tim Posnel, besides playing a bear of a defensive game, snatched two field goals and made two fouls count. Tony Zak collected five points on two field goals and one foul, while Golobic garnered two baskets.

Young American Boosters

Walsenburg, Colo.—This is station SSCU broadcasting again from Walsenburg, operating on lodge 216 kilocycle. We are on the air to remind you of the great, stupendous, colossal, gigantic affair to be held Christmas Eve at the Walsenburg Pavilion under the auspices of the Young American Boosters, No. 216, SSCU. This great event will start at 9 p.m. and will end at ??? Joe Pecheck and his well known orchestra from Pueblo will provide the music.

We cordially invite all SSCU members and their friends to spend Christmas Eve with us. We welcome into our adult department George E. Dussart. Sis. Annie Oswork is confined with the flu. We wish her a speedy recovery. We welcome home Bro. Andy Spendow, member of St. Felix lodge, who spent several weeks at Fitzsimmons Hospital.

One year has elapsed since the present officers were elected. All of them have faithfully tried to meet the responsibilities placed on their shoulders. They believe they have executed their work efficiently. I know the present officers, especially yours truly, is ready to place the burden on new shoulders. Therefore, brothers and sisters, it is your duty to be present at the meeting Sunday, Dec. 20, starting at 6:30 p.m. and elect good, loyal, active and able members, and select a new staff of officers to lead us during 1937. A dollar fine will be imposed upon each absentee member.

In behalf of the Young American Boosters, I wish to extend to all SSCU members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mary R. Dolenc, Sec'y.

Perfectly Safe

Lady (in booking office): Can you recommend a safe ship? I am so very nervous. Clerk: Well, madam, the Bremen has never sunk yet. Lady: Oh, I am so relieved. Please book me a berth on that.

BRIEFS

Jack Peshel, a Slovene, was elected mayor of the city of Ely, Minn., at the elections held Tuesday, Dec. 8. Out of a total of 2,939 votes cast, Peshel received 1,213, while the remaining three candidates received 719, 750 and 179, respectively. Mayor Steve Bangvetz, incumbent, who is also a Slovene, was not a candidate for re-election.

Cleveland Interlodge League will hold a meeting on Monday, Dec. 21, at the Slovene National Home. All managers of the basketball teams are requested to be present. Among other items included for the meeting are the report of the last Booster dance and plans for the Jan. 9 dance, which is well known as the annual Interlodge League Day.

Annual Christmas dance and entertainment, sponsored by the Cleveland Newsboys' Protective Association, will take place Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Trianon Ball Room. Proceeds of the dance go into the association's Christmas fund. Ace Brigode and his orchestra will furnish the music.

After only 18 seconds of fighting in the first round, Eddie Simms, Slovene heavyweight, was knocked out by Joe Louis at the Cleveland Public Auditorium in the feature bout of the Cleveland News Christmas Fund. This is considered a world's record for a knockout. The bout was scheduled for ten rounds.

Center Ramblers, No. 221, and its senior branch lodge, No. 33, SSCU, both of Center, Pa., will hold a Christmas party for the juvenile members on Christmas Day at the local Slovene Home.

Pathfinders Lodge, No. 222, and St. Joseph, No. 89, both SSCU, of Gowanda, N. Y., will unite their efforts to give the juvenile members a Christmas party on Dec. 23 in the Slovene National Home on Palmer St.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The supreme secretary and his staff extend to the membership of the SSCU their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Anton Zbasnik
Supreme Secretary.

Lodge No. 86

Aurora, Minn.—Members of St. Joseph Lodge, No. 86, SSCU, are hereby notified to attend in full numbers the annual meeting which will be held Sunday, Dec. 27, commencing at 9 a. m. Members who fail to attend will be assessed one dollar, payable into the lodge treasury. Excepted only are the sick members and those engaged in regular occupation. All members should consider it their moral obligation to attend inasmuch as election of officers shall take place for the year 1937. In conclusion I wish to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members.

Matt Anzelc, Sec'y.

Pathfinder-St. Joseph Christmas Party

Gowanda, N. Y.—On Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, the Pathfinders and St. Joseph lodges are to hold a Christmas party at the Slovene Hall for the juvenile members of these two lodges. The juvenile members are to receive a gift and a bag of candy from Santa Claus. So, all juvenile members are requested to attend, if possible. Those who are unable to attend will have their gifts delivered to them.

Mary Zuzek will be in charge of the children and all sorts of games are on hand for them beginning at 7 p. m. Mary is very good at arranging different games and a very delightful evening is in store for the children. Santa Claus will arrive sometime between 8 and 9 p. m. to distribute the gifts to the boys and girls. Parents as well as adult members of both lodges are urged to come and help the children have a good time. There will be dancing in the basement, and refreshments will be served. Again, I urge all the adult and juvenile members to keep this date in mind, namely, Wednesday, Dec. 23. I am sure you won't regret it. The committee in charge of this party has worked hard to make it a success. Please don't disappoint them.

Thomas Sternisha,
No. 222, SSCU.

Range Slovene Broadcast

Gilbert, Minn.—American-Slovene Voters' Club holds its meeting the first Monday of the month, starting at 8 p. m. At the elections held Dec. 8, Mike Kohler was elected mayor, Frank J. Indihar clerk, Frank Schwaiger trustee and Frank J. Erchul re-elected judge. Thus the Slovenes are represented by a judge, three councilmen and two school board members. Out of a total of 1,412 votes, approximately 600 were cast by Slovenes.

All Jugoslavs are directed to the Slovene radio hour. In this city we have some Slovene and Croatian merchants, and for two months we have collected for this purpose. Yet a number have failed to respond. This is not a form of donation, but a means of advertising.

If the people of Gilbert would realize the value of this radio hour they would not refuse or make excuses. Some maintain that they are not Jugoslavs. However, if we unite, all the Slavs will be actively represented on the radio. All Slav lodges and Slav families, who have radios, are urged to help the cause along, since our merchants themselves cannot shoulder the entire burden. Names of all contributors will be mentioned, and to date the following gave \$1 each: Louis Verbich, Mike Kohler, Patsy Hogan and Jacob Murphy.

I hope that our people realize the significance of the Slovene radio hour. Even the other nationalities find to their liking entertainment presented by Slovene talent. Further, the radio disseminates the Slovene word, Slovene song from the lips of our children. In our city the radio committee is represented by Louis Vessel, George Kobe Jr. and Christina Kolar; all of us are authorized to collect contributions.

Louis Vessel.

THE MISTLETOE

(Reprinted from The Flower Grower)

Now Oklahoma doth take pride
For there each girl can be a bride.
Her floral emblem don't you see
Makes kissing easy as can be.
For Mistletoe down there doth grow
And helps a girl to get a beau.
When Mistletoe is hung up high
Then the young men are not so shy.
Some flowers are I think more fair,
But Mistletoe fine pearls doth wear.
The fairest brides, young men should know,
Are sometimes like the Mistletoe;
On trees' life blood are daily fed
Until at last that tree is dead.
All Oklahoma brides I've known
Are fair and help to make a home.

C. W. J.

A Short Yarn

By LITTLE STAN

Ely, Minn.—Just to keep in the so-called and popular, modern swing time, Little Stan, after a busy week, will entertain you with a short yarn. People have been so used to seeing column upon column of deer and turkey stories that Little Stan decided on a short, sweet yarn for a change.

Anyway, the weather has a tendency to keep Little Stan in that writing mood, when ideas are born and quickly transcribed into a news story. On the other hand, local citizens have had their first taste of sub-zero weather, and some frostbitten ears, and bright red rosy cheeks were the immediate results.

Not affected by the weather, Little Stan, with his rosy Santa Claus cheeks jumped in with Jack Musich, Rudy Krall and Frank "Turk" and away the foursome sped toward the nearby village of Aurora. A wedding dance was in progress, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fondie of Aurora. Frank Kromar, accordionist; Tony Klun, sax; Earl Edwards, drummer, and Eddie Marolt, guitar, all Ely boys, supplied the entrancing dance music.

Little Stan didn't go to the dance right away, instead he and Rudy Krall visited with Mr. and Mrs. Matt Anzelc and lovely daughter Molly, who was home for the Thanksgiving vacation. Lots to talk about, especially about past adventures.

Lodge No. 25

Eveleth, Minn.—The next regular meeting of Lodge No. 25, SSCU, will take place Sunday, Dec. 27, at the church hall. At this meeting, which is scheduled to start at 8:45 a. m., will be held election of officers for the year 1937 and other matters of vital importance to the local will be discussed, including selection of future quarters for lodge meetings. Members should turn out 100 per cent at this meeting, particularly since it is the annual assembly. I would also like to remind the members to pay their dues at least by Dec. 27, so that the secretary and treasurer can arrange their books for the auditing committee.

At the Dec. 27 meeting I will distribute our Union's calendars to the members. Those who fail to get their calendars at the meeting (I hope all members are present on Dec. 27) should call at my home for their calendar.

Frank Urbiba, Sec'y.

Opening the door of the car, was surprised to see a little gal who pipes up: "What, another one!" Later, getting a little more friendly, sugar dumpling pipes up: "Who is that guy from Ely who writes in the Nova Doba, always poking fun at his extremely long legs!" Little Stan's face was redder and rosier! And were the gals ever surprised when Pogy pipes up again and tells them that the same fellow was sitting in the car! And to wind it up, Little Stan got a new nickname, "Daddy Long Legs." He is "squelched."

Back in Ely, resuming regular grind. Election soon, politicians campaigning, business good! Saying a lot...

Saw Louis (Kat) Zgonc, Gilbert, who said that the boys were all primed for the basketball tourney. Little Stan again entreats Chisholm to please, please let him know what they are going to do with basketball this season. Wants to know immediately, so the three Ely teams can make plans accordingly. How about it, Valentini, drop Little Stan a short note, will you? If no action is taken in regard to a Minnesota state SSCU tournament before the Supreme Board meets next January, there just won't be any tournament, according to advice from officials.

Soudan: The new gym will be ready in January. How about your SSCU boys getting together, lining up a team, and beginning play! Little Stan runs down to Tower every Tuesday, so somebody please let him know. Then we can have a league made up of three Ely teams, Soudan, Chisholm and Gilbert. But action has to be taken immediately—not next year! Let's get going!

Frank Jancar Jr., Lorain: Little Stan insists that Lorain is a beautiful little city, and he had a wonderful time. He could write pages and pages about it, but you know how it is. Anyway the hospitality was complete!

To Martin Regina, U. of Pitt: Glad to see Pitt get the bid for Rose Bowl tilt, and (after several months) received your card. Heh-heh!

Stan Pechaver,
No. 2, SSCU.

Christmas and Santa Claus

As Portrayed by Little Stan

Ely, Minn.—Little boys and girls, do not hesitate when it comes to doing the chores for papa and mama, in fact they smile and say, "I'll take out the ashes," and "I'll get the wood." Tsk, tsk! And then, when all the work is done for the day, they crawl on papa's and mama's lap, and ask them all about Santa Claus and Christmas. Later they ask daddy to help them write their letter to the annual December visitor. Little Stan is very familiar with the situation. Once being a very young man himself (Tsk, tsk!) he speaks from experience.

Everywhere people are scurrying from store to store, rushing the completion of their shopping. They greet each other with a cheery smile, and it seems that the world is at peace. All this hustle and bustle points to the fact that the annual holiday season is upon us! Housewives sigh, "I'll be glad when this is over," but deep in their hearts they joy is supreme.

From the days of the Three Wise Men, who followed the star to the East, and the shepherds who tended their flocks of sheep, the annual season has been celebrated throughout the world. Christmas spirit? You see it everywhere. People gather in many places in nearly every city to participate and enjoy Christmas programs. Gifts are exchanged, and everyone appears human. Members of our organization, especially in the juvenile department, will no doubt present entertaining programs. Here, in Ely, the adult lodges will distribute candy gifts to every juvenile! And when the 25th rolls around, people begin the observance by attending services, and afterward shouting cheery Merry Christmas greetings to all! Christmas spirit all ways, bringing with it "Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All!" Little Stan was in a very humorous mood when he began this story, and surprised himself by suddenly becoming serious. Nevertheless, he is himself again, and will begin immediately on his narration which has a lot to do with Santa Claus!

Mild weather midst light, large, flaky bits of snow! A real situation prevailing here! And it is well, because Little Stan can now take his reindeer out of the stables, dust them off and hitch them to the dusty sled, still a little shaky from last year's trip! But first he dashes upstairs and dives into the cedar chest to pick up the Santa Claus outfit. Opening the chest, he reaches in, and to his utter dismay finds that an army of moths had eaten away all the arm and leg parts of the suit! Thoughts flashed through his mind. He couldn't disappoint juveniles this year! Just think, after making all those round the world flights on the magic carpet, to Cleveland, Lorain, Joliet, Chicago and Milwaukee, where he met so many people, all expecting to hear from him this Christmas. Something like this would have to come up and spoil it!

He thought and thought, then thought some more. Finally he gritted his teeth, dashed into one of his cabinet drawers, dragged out a penny bank, then stopped suddenly! Should he or shouldn't he? His duty to all these people remained clear—he couldn't disappoint anyone! So he grabbed the penny bank, took it into the basement, reached for a hammer, and after sweating for an hour managed to break it open, but absentminded Stan was due

for another surprise! When the cover had come off, it just came into his mind that he had forgotten to put any pennies in the bank! What to do? He went to the president of the bank, told his story very effectively. The president listened closely, then went to the till, and result: Little Stan had enough money for the Santa Claus suit. He dashed into the costume shop, had himself outfitted, and a moment later reappeared a complete stranger even to himself! Dressed in black puttees, red suit with white trimmings, he looked the real picture of Santa Claus! For a moment he paused. Did he forget anything? (Something like bullets in the deer story.) No, he thinks not!

That night, when all was quiet . . . not a creature stirring, not even a mouse, Little Stan jumps out of bed, puts on the outfit, dashes into the barn, hitches Hickie, Bickle, Dickle and Pickle, the reindeer, to the sled; packs a huge sack of well selected gifts into the sleigh, and with the jingle of bells is on his way!

Sailing high through the clouds, as the hour approaches midnight, he passes a church steeple, and the rooster tells him he's got only seconds to go! Will he make it? Pickle, the lead deer, looks back and says, sure enough, Stan! Only a moment passes, and sure enough, Pickle has stopped the sled on the roof of a very modest little home! Little Stan's rosy cheeks take on additional color, as his enthusiasm almost overwhelms him.

He grabs the gift sack out of the sled, throws it over his shoulder, and makes for the chimney. He puts one foot in, and he draws it out again! The chimney is too small! Again he tries, and again he fails! Giving up the idea of going down himself, he takes several presents out of the bag, and just slides them down the chimney. To make certain that they get to the bottom, Little Stan pushes them down the rest of the way with his foot! He draws his foot back with a howl of pain. Tsk, tsk! That darned fireplace was still burning!

Recovering his composure, Little Stan hops back into the sleigh, as Pickle guffaws, and starts the deer prancing to the next house. This building is a little larger, and also has a larger chimney.

He grabs the pack on his shoulders, steps into the chimney, and a loud crash ensues! When Little Stan recovers he finds himself sitting on hot ashes in the fireplace of a pretty home. A young fellow (smart kid) is laughing himself sick, although he was frightened first. He asks, "Who are you supposed to be?" "I am Santa Claus," returns Little Stan. "You can't kid me," comes back the kid, "you haven't any whiskers!" Little Stan knew that he had forgotten something, and his face was really red! On the roof, Pickle, the lead deer, was holding his sleek sides with laughter. Feeling slighted, Little Stan returned to his home. Upon reaching home he met Dad at the door. "Who are you supposed to be?" he asks. "I'm supposed to be Santa Claus," Stan answers. Dad snickered, saying, "You look more like the devil to me!" "Yeah?" answers Stan, "I'm not the devil!" "Why not?" asks dad. "Because," says Stan, "the devil is a sissy!" Snicker, snicker!

And so another adventure is over. But, kiddies, Little Stan

Cardinals

Struthers, O. — Cardinals lodge, No. 229, SSCU elected the following officials for the year 1937: Joseph A. Zlogar, president; Molly Slabe, vice-pres.; Edward T. Glavic, 26 Prospect St., Struthers, O., financial secretary; Jennie Glavic, rec. secretary; Angeline Slabe, treasurer; Mike aGlich, chairman, Rose Slabe and Jennie Mickolic, trustees; Dr. Claude F. Yauman, Bridge St., Struthers, O., lodge physician. Meetings are held every second Friday of the month at the home of Bro. John Pogacnik, 32 Grace St., Struthers, O., starting at 7 p.m.

Edward T. Glavic, Sec'y.

Lodge No. 225

Milwaukee, Wisc. — First I want to thank all those who attended our lodge, No. 225, SSCU dance which was held last month.

All members are urgently requested to attend our December meeting where shall be elected lodge officers for the coming year. The lodge decided to impose a fine on all absentees in the amount of \$1 each, payable to the lodge treasury.

All our members should attend the meeting in December, which is also considered the annual assembly, and select a board which will look after the interests and welfare of our lodge and the Union. At times I was detained from my lodge work, but at the same time I took care of the matter at hand so that the members did not suffer. I hope that the new secretary shall have more time to devote to his duties, and that our members shall be more prompt with payment of assessments.

I request all those members who are in arrears with assessments to please meet their obligations, thus affording me an opportunity to present a clear record of accounts to the trustees and the new secretary. Those who still owe the lodge for medical examinations should settle their bill at the next meeting so that the lodge in turn can settle with the medical examiner.

Our Union's calendars shall be distributed at the annual meeting. In conclusion I wish to extend to all the delegates to the 15th regular convention, supreme officers and all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pauline Vogrich, Sec'y.

O. K. as a Hole

A London doctor touring in the provinces had difficulty in obtaining suitable lodgings in a small town.

One landlady, showing him a dingy bedroom, remarked persuasively, "As a whole, this is quite a nice room, isn't it?" "Yes, madam," he agreed, "but as a bedroom it's no good."

Stan Progar, No. 228, SSCU.

Answered

And now for some notes from Little Stan's little book. Mrs. Earl Bliven (nee Lena Pluth) was visiting with her mother for the past couple weeks. She left for her home at Butte, Mont., last week. Hope you arrived safely, and don't forget . . . all those who like a good Range dance should make sure to go to Aurora Saturday. The dance will be held at the Slovene Hall. And the last note, which covers the world, is, if I don't see you before, a Merry Christmas to you all!

Stanley Pechaver, No. 2, SSCU.

Still Another Native Returns

Springdale, Pa.—Yes, it's about time for this native to return. For a while it looked as if he went too far to ever hope to make use of the return ticket; but by means of attending dances held by neighboring SSCU lodges, this native soon awoke to reality and came back. Everywhere it was the same old story: "What's the matter with the Electrons? Was it a natural death or accidental?" All this leads me to say, as they do in radio world, "This is the voice of the Electrons, broadcasting from the grandest of towns, Springdale, and still as alive as ever."

The only excuse we can offer for our silence is that a terrible hurricane has hit us. Hellbent for election, Dan Cupid hit into our midst and with no regard for direction, started to fire away. As the battle clouds cleared, seven members were mortally wounded and the rest dazed. Slowly but surely the members are returning to their senses, and soon the old fighting Electrons will be on the battle front.

Elections—As this appears in print, the Electrons election will be a matter of record and the whole-hearted support of the Electrons will be behind their officers for 1937. But there will be many lodges who still will have to choose their leaders. Take Bro. Kolar's advice and attend your meeting in full force, choose slowly and wisely. After you have chosen your officers, co-operate with them to your fullest capacity.

Bowling—When the hurricane Cupid hit the Electrons, the bowling team suffered the heaviest of blows. Danny scored a spare, that is, he only spared one bowler, Joe Jelouchan. Maybe this is the cause for lack of interest. Come on, boys, we can't always be henpecked. Let's get out and start the ball rolling. You know of our aim.

Sympathy—We were very sorry to learn of your troubles, Lawrence, and through this medium the Electrons extend you their deepest sympathy, and sincerely hope your troubles have ended. Our best wishes for a happier year, Lawrence.

Thank You—My wife and I wish to express our sincerest thanks to Dr. Ralph Fabian for all the favors he extended us during the last SSCU convention. We sure appreciated the fact that you went out of your way many times to accommodate us, Doc, and once more we say, "Thank you."

Season's Greetings—Once again from the fighting Pitt Panther and myself—the heartiest of season's greetings to our supreme officers, the editorial board and all the SSCU members (especially to you, Dr. Fabian).

Stan Progar, No. 228, SSCU.

Answered

Bore-Smith was relating an incident which had occurred while he was on his way to the club.

"Great, hulking fellow, he was," he went on tediously, "must have been over six feet high, said he was determined to fight some one. So I just pushed my way through the crowd and—"

"Ran all the way here, I suppose," put in a fellow clubman.

During 1935 our SSCU realized a net gain in membership of 1437—the highest of any Yugoslav fraternal.

Lodge No. 88

Roundup, Mont.—All members of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 88, SSCU, are invited to attend the annual meeting which will take place Sunday, Dec. 20. Meeting will be held at the Union Hall and will commence at 2 p. m. Included in the program of business will be the election of a lodge board for the year 1937. Therefore, all members come to the meeting and express their choice. Perhaps it might be well to change the board somewhat. No one should refuse a lodge office if it is tendered him or her.

Katherine Penica, Sec'y.

Lodge No. 114

Ely, Minn.—All members of Slovenec lodge, No. 114, SSCU are requested to attend the annual meeting, which is scheduled to take place Dec. 20, starting at 7 p.m., at the Yugoslav National Home. Election of officers for the year 1937 will take place, and other important business matters will be discussed.

Juvenile members also are invited to attend the meeting as Santa Claus will be present to distribute the Christmas gifts. Refreshments will be served to all members, all of whom are urgently requested to be present.

Peter Skradski, Sec'y.

Recovery Wages and Hours

It is cheerful news nowadays to read that business concerns in every branch of industry throughout the country are raising wages of many thousands of employees.

It is an indication that employers are beginning to realize that the vast products of this nation must be consumed in the home market—that but a small fraction of the billions of commodities produced on farm and in factory can be sold in foreign markets.

But in order to enhance and prolong an era of recovery it is necessary to accompany wage advances with reduction of working hours in order to re-employ the millions of workers who are involuntarily idle so that they may become normal customers.

At the American Federation of Labor convention in Tampa, Fla., the executive council makes a very clear and comprehensive report on this subject, which deserves serious thought, and reads in part as follows:

"Between 1932 and 1935, total man-hours in manufacturing increased only 26 per cent, while production increased 43 per cent."

"Since it requires less time to produce the same volume of goods, a proportionately smaller number of workers is employed to turn out these goods unless the hours of work are still further curtailed. The fact that employment lags behind production more and more gives striking evidence of the need for a shorter workweek."

Industry cannot and will not absorb the unemployed unless it creates more job opportunities by limiting weekly and daily hours of work.

"The shorter workweek and the six-hour day furnish the real solution to the insistent problem of unemployment. It is the responsibility that private industry must accept in order to give the necessary balance to economic expansion."

"Economic stability cannot be attained by government spending. Industry's obligation to bring about such stability is

Blood and Battle Field

A World War Chronicle

BY IVAN MATICIC

From the Slovene by

VALENTINE OREHEK

(Continuation)

A pale moon lends a palpitating glow to the white, dusty road that stretches endlessly before us. We are marching south in a line for Venice. Dawn overtakes us as we troop dejectedly into Trident. The sincere friendliness with which we are met by the Italian populace helps raise our spirits a little. We are told that our wants would be cared for and satisfied without the least hesitation but that so many corps have already passed through en route that it would seriously hamper them to extend us material aid.

In Romagna we remain several days, which I remember only for their sweltering heat. Our next stop is Rovereto and from here we move toward the border which we skirt to ascend the Furlan Heights.

The four men swinging along directly before me strike up a parody on the emperor's hymn criticising the existing order and in the midst of it Crown Prince Karol rolls past deeply ennobled in the cushions of his automobile. He is smiling with assumed benign indulgence. The song is not loud enough to reach his royal ears. (At this juncture the prince is commander of the 19th Corps.)

A while later a dispatch rider draws up beside me as I march and directs me to report to Col. Zawada immediately we reach our destination. Consequently I find myself somewhat later saluting that ill-conditioned worthy. He vests no time precluding but rushes pell-mell into the meat of his displeasure, his voice taking on a rising inflection as he warns himself to his subject.

"My good man, I am told that you were seen throwing away a perfectly good pair of shoes and a blanket in a side street in Auer. These articles have been recovered and your deplorable conduct reported to the divisional command, which has advised me to act with severity and to put a stop once and for all to flagrant acts of this sort in the future."

"Gospod polkovnik, I must inform you that the shoes were extremely old and dilapidated and really beyond any possible further use, and that the blanket was only remarkable for its lice. Begging your pardon, sir, I wouldn't have the heart to put it on a horse. Besides my pack was heavy enough and I could always pick up that junk whenever I passed through Auer. I'm sure no one will waste the time and energy to do it in my stead."

"What! . . ." quite beside himself with apoplectic rage. "This is an outrage! I, an old man and a colonel as well, can carry every stitch of my things with me wherever I go; but that an ordinary private should dare to take such liberties . . ." words fail him completely.

And why shouldn't the old muff tote along all his rubbish when he has a horse to shift his carcass from place to place and two servants to follow along with the remainder of this trash. "Don't you know that every article of apparel must be accounted for? I don't know why I do this, but I will let you off this time with a warning: If I am ever obliged to reprimand you on this score again I'll make you liable for court-martial, and you'll be clapped in jail for so many years after the war's over and forgotten that you'll be black in the face." It is apparent that his face can assume that hue with far lesser provocation. "Now get out of here and don't give me a chance to set eyes on you again!"

I would like to assure the old goat that that is farthest from my mind, but I happily think better of it.

Soon after this we are off on the last lap toward our objective and before long the rumble of distance-muffled guns falls on our ears. On reaching Piedescalo we find it in utter ruin. A short way out of this town we are halted to await the coming up of the heavy field artillery to bolster up our rear. Then under a creeping barrage we push our assault clear into the enemy's strongholds and carry them with ease.

In a thrashing downpour we attain the summit of Mount Cengio. It has been a heartbreaking climb, especially since the torrents have washed away all the once accessible places. We find several lines of empty trenches here and occupy them at once; but not for long, since the First Battalion, of which we are a part, is directed to lead a new attack.

We are forging on very slowly, for the Italians are fighting with a gameless foreign to them before. And no wonder, they are defending their own soil and they relinquish their ground like heroes. We are told that Venice does not lie far off now.

more imperative in these crucial days of transition than ever before. We know only too well that unless this is done current recovery will end in a greater disaster than we have yet known.

"Shortening of the hours of work is the correct answer to the problem we are facing today," —Cleveland Citizen.

A messenger brings the intelligence that an Italian artillery has been taken just as its men were planning to desert it, and that most of the mountain region as well as munitions and armaments are in our hands. The news leaves us wholly unmoved.

The rain never abates and as through a screen we watch the straining horses dragging the monstrous guns up the mountainsides and listen to the brutal slash of whip and the expressive profanity of the artillerymen as they urge them upward.

Daybreak discovers us crouched like rats in any hole that offers momentary protection. I attach myself to a group as sodden as myself who are sitting back to back in a shell crater trying to keep warm. It is early morning and the pale, dreary daylight filtering down through the opaque atmosphere is not conducive to cheerfulness. We squat there like men out of some distant primordial epoch.

The alarm sends us scuttling out presently and our bayonets plunge again into the enemy's flesh. At Monte Pau our advance is checked, but the Italians pay heavily for the delay. Position after position succumbs and it seems that the end has come when an inadvisable change of tactics is made. The men are told to wait for further instructions and there is no need to tell them twice. They fling themselves gratefully to the ground which is beginning to crack and dry.

The First Battalion is far up in advance. Having every reason to be with it I follow in its wake. The burying parties and sanitaries have not appeared on the field yet and wherever I look I see gruesome results of the slaughter. There are men who, disabled sufficiently to prevent their moving, lie amid unmentionable filth and slime. They beg us pitiously to bear them away. Their exhausted and sunken features eloquently give evidence of their experience.

The field is one vast plain of carnage. Shreds of flesh and bone mark everything one looks upon and bloody runnels figure the ground in every direction. Some of the less wounded have drawn off indifferently in groups and now they sit and chat together apparently indifferent to their fate and prospects. Amid a cluster of rocks I come upon a boy lying sprawled on his back. His head is tilted into his upturned helmet and his brains are splattered within. Presently I come upon another who lies stretched over a huge inclined slab of stone. A knife protrudes from his distended stomach and his hands clutch at the hilt. His face is horribly distorted and something impells me to pry his hands loose and draw out the knife. A rush of blood follows it and the man rolls heavily from the stone.

All is quiet and one feels that death sits brooding here over her gruesome handiwork.

Again I stop. A man lies on the ground. As he grotesquely flings the arm that conceals his face from me to one side I leap back with an involuntary gasp of horror. The man's lower jaw has been shot away and a gurgling gobbles issues from a gaping mess. Even as I look a spasm convulses and stiffens him. Nausea overwhelms me.

Far afield something stirs. I make it out to be a man. Coming closer I see that he is one of our own and busy rifling the dead. His act makes me reflect bitterly on the cruelty of war. It drives men to destroy and then to plunder that which they have destroyed.

And now the first grave-diggers and sanitaries begin to put in their appearance on the field. The method of burial is efficient but painfully simple. A great trench is dug and into it as many as forty men are thrown after their identification discs have been removed. A fat, stolid moon-faced boy then springs in among them and by hint of much heavy stamping and puffing manages to compress them into as little space as possible, so that in the words of one of them, "you kin pack in a few more stiffies!"

"What beastliness," I mutter in disgust.

"Whaddya mean? Did we kill 'em? They dug their own graves. They wanted war, didn't they? Well, now they got it. Everybody wanted it, almost got down on his knees 't git it. So what they gotta kick about now, hey?"

"I know . . . I was just thinking . . . how does the world benefit by us poor fools killing one another on these forgotten hills. Everyone of these men could have been at home and safe in bed this minute."

"I dunno, pardner, I got me orders to dig this hole; anything else don't bother me!"

The priest intones, "Give rest unto them, Gospod."

Over this common grave a plain wooden cross is struck. It bears the message:

HERE LIE FORTY ITALIAN SOLDIERS
Often no discrimination is shown between Austrian and Italian dead and the inscription reads:
HERE LIE
... AUSTRIAN
and
... ITALIAN DEAD

DOPISI

(Nadaljevanje s 3. strani)

Radio odbor: Louis Vessel, George Kobe Jr., in Kristina Kolar; vsi smo po-
leni sprejemati tozadevne
pevke.

Na sklepu naj še omenim,
se bo seja Ameriško sloven-
volilec kluba vršila 4. ja-
nja 1937. Vsak član naj
pridobiti kakega novega
didata.

esele božične praznike in
no novo leto vsem!

Louis Vessel.

Gowanda, N. Y.

Društvi št. 89 in št. 222 JS-
priredita skupno božično
skem 23. decembra v Slo-
venskem domu na Palmer St.
etek veselice bo ob 7. uri
ter, in prireditve je name-
v zabavo članov mla-
skega in odraslega oddel-
ka.

V zgornjih prostorih bo
Claus obdaroval vse čla-
mladinskega oddelka z lep-
darili. Vodil bo tudi razne
vne igre med otroci. V
odnjih prostorih bo pa vse
najlepšem redu za zabavo
maslih. Na razpolago bo do-
lj dobre kapljice in prigriz-
oben bomo imeli prvotno
domačo godbo za one,
se radi zasujejo. Veselčni
bor vjudno vabi vse tukaj-
je člane JSKJ, kakor tudi
ihove prijatelje in znance,
se udeležiti te prireditve.

Društvo št. 89 JSKJ bo ime-
letno sejo v nedeljo 20. de-
cembra. Seja se bo pričela
o uro bolj zgodaj kakor po
navadi, namreč že ob 1. uri po-
ldne. Važnost te seje je
kakemu znana, zato bi moral
deti vsak član, da je njego-
bratska dolžnost se iste u-
deležiti.

Akoravno je tukajšnji Slo-
venski dom ali Slovenska dvo-
na delničarsko podjetje, pod-
isani pa pišem za društvo št.
JSKJ, ne bo odveč, če nekaj
apišem tudi o tej naši usta-
ovi. Spominjam se, da sem
rvič slišal o načrtih zgraditve
Slovenske dvorane v Gowand-
na redni seji društva št. 89
SKJ, nekako ob času, ko se
pričenjala svetovna vojna.
ker sem vedno bolj sitne in
nadovedne narave, sem vsake-
o, ki je agitiral za to ustano-
o, vprašal, kaj nam bo kori-
tilo. Odgovori so bili vsi ena-
ti: društva bodo imela seje in
veselice v dvorani, zrasla bo
mladina, pa bo kar tako na-
prej. Slovenci te naselbine so
rtvovali veliko denarja in tru-
la za svojo dvorano, sedaj jo
imajo v lepem redu, poleg tega
imajo tudi nekaj števil v
njih naj na "tapravi" strani. In
ko hoče slovenska javnost, da
bo slo tako naprej, bo morala
svojo mladino na to pripraviti
in jo poučiti.

Torej, ne pozabite na sejo
20. decembra in na veselico 23.
decembra!

Matt Bozich,

preds. društva št. 89 JSKJ.

Cleveland, O.

Po sklepu članstva na zad-
nji seji društva sv. Janeza
Krstnika, št. 71 JSKJ, vabim
vse člane in članice, da pose-
tijo letno sejo v čim večjem
številu. Seja se bo pričela ob
8.30 dopoldne, to je eno uro
bolj zgodaj kakor po navadi.
Zapomnite si: v nedeljo 20. de-
cembra ob 8.30 zjutraj točno!
Tudi sobrat predsednik ni iz-
vzet. Torej, vsi na sejo, da si
bomo imeli kaj več za poveda-
ti.

Tistim, katerih ne bom videl
na tej seji, želim povedati, da
naj plačajo asesmente ob pra-
vem času vsaj zadnji mesec v
tem letu, ako v preteklosti ni-
so bili točni v tem oziru. Naj
imajo s tajnikom usmiljenje
vsaj enkrat v letu, če hočejo,
da jim iz srca voščim "srečno
novo leto," drugače bo kar ta-
ko iz navade, sama formalnost.

Asesment bom pobiral 23. in
24. decembra od 7. do 9. ure
zvečer v Slovenskem domu na
Holmes Ave. (Na božični ve-
čer ravno tako pobiramo taj-
niki asesment v Slovenskem
domu). Se vidimo, bodisi na
seji, ali pa vsaj od 25. v tem
mesecu! Pozdrav!

Ivan Kapelj,

tajnik društva št. 71 JSKJ.

Farrell-Sharon, Pa.

Ko je bila sezona za lov
srnjakov otvorjena, se je več
naših tukajšnjih rojakov od-
pravilo v kakšnih 120 milj od-
daljene pennsylvanske gozdo-
vine, in imeli so tako srečo, da so
pripeljali kar šest srnjakov dom-
ov. Srečni lovci so videli, da
je to vse preveč mesa za vsake-
ga posameznika, pa so na svoji
seji sklenili, da bodo enega
srnjaka brezplačno odstopili
Slovenskemu domu. Na seji di-
rektorjev Slovenskega doma je
bilo tako sporočeno in direk-
torji so se srečnim lovcom lepo
zahvalili. Obenem pa so skle-
nili, da priredijo v soboto 26.
decembra, to je na štefanov ve-
čer, srnjakov banket ali skupno
večerjo za vse tukajšnje roja-
ke in prijatelje Slovenskega
doma, pa tudi za prijatelje iz
sosednih naselbin. Ta večerja
bo servirana popolnoma brez-
plačno.

Torej, rojaki in prijatelji,
udeležite se te srnjakove večer-
je in pripeljite svoje družine s
seboj. Nobenega ne bo nič
stalo.

Nadalje naznanjam, da letos
člajnega božičnega progra-
ma, kakršen je bil prejšnja le-
ta, v našem Domu ne bo. Pri-
jateljska darila se bo sicer
sprejemalo, ter se bo ista takoj
oddajala na pristojna mesta.
Ako hoče kateri komu kaj da-
rovati, lahko stori tem potom,
to je potom Doma. Miklavža
letos ne bo; stari je dobil rev-
matizem, mladi pa se je menda
zagledal v kakšno čedno Penn-
sylvančanko in se ne moremo
nič zanesti nanj. Vsekakor se
bomo na božični večer zbrali v
Domu kakor običajno.

Ker bo to moj zadnji dopis
pred božičem, želim vsem čla-
teljem lista vesele, božične
praznike in vesel zaključek te-
ga leta. Jaz ga bom bolj kila-
vo zaključil, ker računam kažejo,
da mi ne bo treba plačati do-
hodninskega davka.

Pozdrav in na svidenje v Slo-
venskem domu na štefanov ve-
čer!

Frank Kramar.

Braddock, Pa.

Kakor je bilo že poročano,
bodo tu tri slovenska podpora
društva priredila božično z
obdarovanjem otrok. Ta bo-
žičnica se bo vršila v soboto 26.
decembra ob 7. uri zvečer v
litvinski dvorani na Washing-
ton St. Prvi na programu na-
stopi mladinski oddelk s svojo
igro. Kakšna bo ta igra, ne
vem povedati, zato je najbolje,
da jo pride vsak pogledati. Po-
tem bo na programu Miklavž,
ki bo najprej obdaroval mla-
dino, potem pa tudi starejše.

Za godbo bo poskrbel orkester
Moonlight Serenaders iz
Bridgeville, za lačne in žejne
pa pripravljani odbor. Ta od-
bor tvorijo zastopniki vseh treh
društev, namreč JSKJ, SNPJ in
SSPZ. Vsi tukajšnji Slovenci in
bratje Hrvati so vabljeni, da
posetijo to prireditev. Tudi
otroci, ki še ne morejo hoditi,
bodo deležni Miklavževih da-
ril, ako jih starši prinesejo na
prireditev. Torej, na svidenje
26. decembra!

Martin Hudale,

tajnik društva št. 31 JSKJ.

Conemaugh, Pa.

Članom društva sv. Alojzija,
št. 36 JSKJ naznanjam, da bo
naše društvo skupno z drugimi
tukajšnjimi slovenskimi druš-
tvi priredilo božičnico na božič-
ni večer, to je v četrtek 24. de-

cembra zvečer. Ta prireditev
se bo vršila v prostorih druš-
va sv. Alojzija. Kakor nam je
bilo sporočeno, bo prišel Mi-
klavž ob devetih uri zvečer, se-
veda, ako se mu medpotoma
kaj ne pripeti. Vsled tega so
prošeni starši, ki bodo pripel-
jali v dvorano svoje otroke,
da so točni. Najprvo bo Mi-
klavž obdaroval otroke, potem
pa pridejo na vrsto tudi star-
ši, to je tisti, ki še verujejo v
Miklavža. Vsekakor so starši
vabljeni, da gotovo privedejo
na to prireditev svoje otroke,
ter jim s tem napravijo veliko
veselje. Zabavali pa se bodo
z njimi vred tudi sami. Na
svidenje 24. decembra zvečer!

— Za društvo št. 36 JSKJ:

Joseph Turk, tajnik.

Finleyville, Pa.

Društvo sv. Frančiška, št.
148 JSKJ, je na svoji redni seji
dne 13. decembra sklenilo, da
bo na božični dan Miklavž raz-
delil darila vsem članom mla-
dinskega oddelka. Več o tem
bo še sporočeno.

Delavske razmere tukaj so v
splošnem bolj piškave, ker se v
večini rudnikov dela le po tri
dni na teden. V nekaterih ro-
vih pa se dela po pet dni na te-
den.

Pridobivanje novih članov v
teh časih ni lahka reč, vendar,
če je korajža in dobra volja se
tudi v tem oziru še da kaj sto-
riti. Torej, glejmo, da bo naše
društvo št. 148 JSKJ napredo-
valo.

Frank Pernishek,

predsednik.

Meadow Lands, Pa.

Pozivam članstvo društva sv.
Janeza Krstnika, št. 75 JSKJ,
da se polnoštevilno udeležijo pri-
hodnje društvene oziroma glav-
ne letne seje, ki se bo vršila v
nedeljo 20. decembra. Seja se
bo vršila v navadnih prostori-
h, to je v Bear Halli in se bo
pričela ob 9. uri dopoldne. Na
tej seji se bo volil društveni
odbor za prihodnje leto in u-
krepati bo treba o nekaterih
drugih važnih zadevah.

Vsled tega apeliram na čla-
ne, da se udeležijo te važne
seje vsi, katerim je le kolikaj
mogoče. Poleg članov so seve-
da vabljeni na sejo tudi čla-
ci. Dolžnost nas vseh je, da
pridemo vsaj enkrat na leto
vsi skupaj in sklepamo, kako
bi bilo boljše za v bodoče. To-
rej, na svidenje na glavni leti-
seji v nedeljo 20. decembra!

— Za društvo št. 75 JSKJ:

Andrew Milavec Jr., tajnik.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Pred nastopom novega leta,
ki se nam sedaj približuje, je
naloga vsakega večjega ali
manjšega podjetja, da pregle-
da svoje letno poslovanje, ga
poskuša izboljšati, in, ako po-
trebno, eno ali drugo predru-
gačiti. S tem namenom obr-
zujejo tudi vsa naša društva
svoje glavne letne seje.

Tako je sklenila tudi naša
Zveza JSKJ društev v Penn-
sylvaniji obdrževati letno sejo
v nedeljo 27. decembra. Ta se-
ja se bo vršila v Slovenskem
domu na 57. cesti v Pittsbur-
ghu in se bo pričela ob 10. uri
dopoldne. Vsa društva so pro-
šena, da pošljejo na to sejo
polnoštevilno zastopstvo. Voli-
ti bo treba uradnike za prihod-
nje leto in morda bo treba tudi
eno ali drugo reč predru-
gati.

Kot znano, se je naša Zveza
skoro vse leto trudila s poprav-
ki jednotlivih pravil, kar, ako
ni nič koristilo, se lahko v bo-
doče opusti. S tem mislim, da
če se je s temi popravki prav-
tako postopalo, kot s tisto na-
šo gospo resolucijo, ki ji niti
do vrat mislo pustili, ampak so
revico vrgli na dvorišče med
smeti, je boljše, da se take reči
opusti.

Sedaj, ko je konvencija za
nami, bo pač treba naš prosti
čas in naše delovanje usmeriti
na drugo polje, in sicer v prvi

vrsti za agitacijo za pridobi-
vanje novih članov. Kako bi
se dalo to delo najuspešnejše
vršiti, bo predmet splošnega
razmotiranja na prihodnji se-
ji Zveze. Torej, zastopniki

vseh društev, pridite na to se-
jo z dobrimi nasveti za pridobi-
vanje novega članstva in za
rast naše dične J. S. K. Jed-
note! — Za Zvezo JSKJ dru-
štev v zapadni Pennsylvaniji:
Frank Oblak, tajnik.

MLADINSKI DOPISI

Contributions From Our Junior Members

Chicago, Ill.
Cenjeni g. urednik: — Ze dolgo časa
sem se pripravljala, da bi malo opi-
sala, kako se imamo tu v Chicago, in
danes prvič pišem to po slovensko.
Stara sem 11 let in hodim v javno
šolo v črni razred. Sem članica mla-
dinskega oddelka društva Zvon, št. 70
JSKJ, in tudi moja dva brata sta v
tem oddelku; starši so pa v odraslem.
Ko je naše društvo v mesecu oktob-
ru obhajalo tridesetletnico obstanka,
je prav lepo pogostilo tudi nas člane
mladinskega oddelka. Le škoda, da
nisu bili vsi mladinski člani navzoči.
Imela sem priložnost, da v imenu mla-
dinskega oddelka pozdravim člane in
čistim društvu ka tridesetletnik. U-
radnikom društva se prav lepo za-
hvaljujem za tako imenitno pogosti-
tev in zabavo. V tem letu je precej
novih članov pristopilo v naš mladin-
ski oddelk. Tudi jaz bom skušala
kakšnega pridobiti, da nas bo več.

Ker bo kmalu božič in novo leto,
voščim vsem članom in članicam mla-
dinskega oddelka vesele božične pra-
znike, bogate Miklavža in srečno no-
vo leto. Tudi želim vsem članom or-
ganizacije veliko napredka. Ako bo
g. urednik milostljiv z mojim prvim
dopisom, bom še drugič kaj pisala.
(Srečda, je ogledal se še, mlada sosa-
stani Op. ured.) Vsem skupaj lep
pozdrav!

Jennie Simenc,

društvo št. 70 JSKJ.

CANON CITY, COLO.

I want to say thanks for the dollar
award I received for my last article.
Mrs. Skrabec, secretary of our lodge
No. 147, SSCU presented it to me. We
had a play at our school and I took
the part of a candle lighter. My sis-
ter was a doll while my older bro-
ther took the part of an Eskimo. We
enjoyed the play very much. Our
school is going to hold a Christmas
play again. We had very good weath-
er, one that is not too cold, or about
12 above zero. I hope that we will
have warm weather for Christmas so
that we can attend the show. I hope
Santa Claus will be good to everyone
and that he will bring many toys and
much candy to all. Before I close I
wish all the officers, members and
editors a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.

Joseph Zupan.

Liy, Minn.—There isn't much news
from here lately, only that we are
getting our share of snow. When the
days are warm the snow gets soft
and makes it just right for snowball
fights. Sometimes a large group of
boys and girls get together and have
a real snowball fight. Of course, the
girls always win—ahem! Winters out
here usually are too cold and dry for
snowball fights, so we spend most of
our leisure time skiing, skating, hiking
etc.

The big game hunting season is all
over with. It is said that there have
been more hunters around here this
year than ever before. They came
not only from Minnesota, but from
many other states. Hundreds upon
hundreds of deer were killed by the
hunters. Many a proud hunter was
seen riding thru town with his game
tied to the fenders of his car. Across
his face he wore a big smile, along
with a red coat and cap to match.
It sure must be a lot of fun to hunt,
judging by their talk. We have two
hunters at our house: my dad and
brother. During the hunting season
and for about two weeks after we
hear nothing else but deer talk. I
certainly do enjoy a conversation
among a group of four or five hunt-
ers, especially when they relate their
experiences. All a person hears is
how that big buck got away or when
they made that drive through some
big swamp, and three deers came
through, and how long they trailed
a deer that was wounded, etc. I
have to stop this hunter's talk, or I
will be just as bad as the next deer
hunter.

Time sure does fly fast. Before
the next juvenile issue comes out
Christmas and New Year holidays
shall have passed. I wish all mem-
bers of the SSCU a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year. Let's all
start the New Year 1937 with a bang
and see how many new members we
can catch into our Union.

Justine Korent (Age: 13)
No. 200, SSCU

ETNA, PA.

This is my first letter to the Nova
Doba, although I read the other ar-
ticles every time they are published.
I belong to St. Stephen's lodge, No.
22 SSCU. I am eleven years of age
and in the fifth grade. School here
is very agreeable, and I find my les-
sons easy to master. There were a
few snow flurries here recently, but
there did not amount to much. Oh—
wise the weather is nice. I hope
to write to Nova Doba soon again.
In conclusion I wish the editor and
all members all the luck in the world.

Bertha Krall.

CLEVELAND, O.

I am sending you a story about
Thanksgiving in an orphanage. I
hope everyone had as good a time as
Virginia in my story.

Virginia was a little orphan girl
who lived in an orphanage. She was
six years old and had pretty long
locks. She always wore blue clothes
because she didn't have any pretty
clothes. Thanksgiving Day was
approaching, and as she didn't know
the meaning of Thanksgiving, her
guardian explained its significance.
And since the orphanage could not

afford a turkey the little orphan felt
sad and went to bed with tears in
her eyes. One day a big package
came addressed to Virginia. All the
orphans gathered around to see the
contents. Carefully she untied the
big blue ribbon and uncovered the
box. Suddenly she screamed, "help,
Indians, Indians!" while her compan-
ions ran all over the yard likewise
screaming.

"What is the matter?" asked the
guardian. And Virginia answered, "a
big Indian is in the package." The
guardian explained that it was a tur-
key sent by one of her friends, and
that it was to be used for their
Thanksgiving Day. Suzana, the col-
ored cook, would prepare it the next
day, it being Thanksgiving. And did
the orphans have a good time on
Thanksgiving. They put on their
best dresses. All kinds of good things
to eat were on the table. Virginia
said, "I thought this day was like
all other days until our guardian ex-
plained to us this wonderful day. I
wish Thanksgiving was held every
day."

Florence Prosen (Age: 8)

No. 173, SSCU

Omaha, Nebraska.

DEAR EDITOR:

This is my first letter to the juve-
nile section of Nova Doba. I have
read the letters appearing every
month, and decided also to write. I
am twelve years of age and am in
the seventh grade. I go to SS, Peter
and Paul School. The weather out
here is not very cold. I wish that it
would snow because I like to go sleigh
riding and skiing. There are some
very steep hills near my house. I am
interested in winter games. Here is
a poem I am submitting:

LITTLE BOY BLUE

The little toy dog is covered with dust,
But sturdy and staunch he stands;
And the little toy soldier is red with
rust.

And his musket molds in his hands,
Time was when the little toy dog was
new,
And the soldier was passing fair,
And that was the time when our lit-
tle boy blue

Kissed them and put them there.

"Now, don't you go, till I come," he
said,

"And don't you make any noise."
So, toddling off to his trundle bed
He dreamt of the pretty toys.

And while dreaming, an angel song
Awakened our little boy blue.

The years are many, they are long,
And what has become of our little
boy blue

Since he kissed them and put them
there.

Barbara Louise Urlick.

UNIVERSAL, PA.

DEAR EDITOR:

Here I am again, with another
"newsy" article. A few events have
happened since I last wrote.

On November 26, the Dramatic Club,
"Carnation," of Export, held a play
in the Universal Slovene Hall. The
name of it was "Mlinar in njegova
id." It was the first of its kind held
in our district. There was a very
large crowd. People came from all
around. A dance followed this play.
The music was furnished by a group
of boys from Claridge.

On November 28, two lodges held
another dance in the hall. The four
Bregant sisters from Lisbon, Ohio
furnished the music. They sure play
fine for such a group of young girls.
I think they made a very good job
of it.

We are having plenty of snow late-
ly, but it looks as though it won't
last very long. At least I hope not,
for it is rather dangerous riding to
school on buses. I wonder if Little
Stan is having very much snow.

Now since there isn't anything else
to write about, I'll have to quit and
wait until the next time. Here's wish-
ing to you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year. I also hope
that the lodge will be more success-
ful in securing new members in the
year to come, 1937.

Mary Milnar (Age: 14)

No. 33, SSCU

JOLIET, ILL.

DEAR EDITOR:

I want to thank Little Stan for the
beautiful souvenir that he sent me.
It was a big surprise to me.

A DEBT TO THE WAR

DEAD

It is only natural that Armistice
Day should be a day set aside for
pondering over the many crosses that
fill the hillsides of Europe. The tragic
memories are so many that we can-
not ignore. Nothing we can do now
could make up for what was lost in
human life. They responded to a
summons and gave the best that was
in them. Nothing that we can say
will help them; no tribute that we
can pay will be adequate to express
our debt to them.

It is commonplace to point out
that the war to end war did not ac-
complish its purpose; that the war to
make the world safe for democracy
did nothing of the kind; that the
world in general has been a worse
place rather than a better place be-
cause of the war.

Our country supplied more than its
quota of soldiers, sailors and marines.
About 4600 young men left their
homes here for the different branches
of Government service. Some of them
took part in that last desperate thrust
of the German army to reach Paris.
Incomplete records indicate that of
those who went from this country, 94
did not come back, being either killed
in action or as a result of wounds

and disease. Many of those who did
come back bore citations for bravery
in action.

Marie Musich (Age: 15)

No. 66, SSCU

JOLIET, ILL.

DEAR EDITOR:

Since I haven't written to the Nova
Doba for so long a time I decided to
write immediately. We have had snow
for the first time this winter and
although there is not very much of
it, we can at least say that we have
had some.

People of Joliet had a great op-
portunity to see the most distinguished
man in the United States on Octo-
ber 14, 1933. This man was the pre-
sident of the United States, Franklin
Delano Roosevelt. This was the first
appearance of the President in Joliet.
Accompanying the President
were his wife and various candidates
of Will County. The President spoke
about 10 minutes to an audience es-
timated between eight and twelve
thousand. The Joliet Township high
school band greeted the President and
played several selections in his honor.
After the exercises the presidential
train continued its way to Chicago.

The election is finally over, and
we again have the honorable Frank-
lin Delano Roosevelt in office for the
next four years. May these four be
as successful as the other four years.

Another person who made his first
appearance in Joliet was Little Stan.
He had come to Joliet on his way
home from the convention of our
South Slavonic Catholic Union, which
was held in Cleveland. I was rather
disappointed because I did not get to
see Little Stan. He was staying
with his relatives, Kozlars. He
had a chance to see his cousins for
the first time and he hopes it will
not be the last either.

Marie Russ (Age: 15)

No. 68, SSCU

LORAIN, O.

DEAR EDITOR:

Your talk with my dad about writ-
ing to the Nova Doba finally got me
started. I read the Nova Doba through
and through, but the only bad point
about me is the hours in one day,
which are too short for me. I at-
tend Lorain High School and am a
Junior B. My subjects are English,
Typing, Shorthand and Orientation.
Some of you may be puzzled as to
the subject of Orientation, but it is
simply a study of etiquette, manners,
table setting, clothes, budgets, color
and the like, which is of special in-
terest to girls.

A very picturesque operetta, "The
Marriage of Nannette" was given in
our school. It was held on Nov. 12
for school children only, while on
Nov. 13, it was held for the benefit
of outsiders. The story is laid in the
village of Comps-des-Fleurs, France,
in the early eighteenth century. The
Duc d'Antin is the center of attrac-
tion in the village because he is to
be married to his fourth wife, Coun-
tess Heloise de Mortigny, a woman
so beautiful that her sight drives
men mad. However, she wears a veil
and her identity is not disclosed to
the bridegroom until after the cere-
mony. The Duc d'Antin is surprised
to see the face of his bride, an ugly
creature. She has a large nose, Mme.
Zenobe, the keeper of the inn, is
very anxious to see her daughter
Nannette marry the Duc, but is sur-
prised to see Countess Heloise de Mar-
tigny under the veil instead of Nan-
nette. The two girls planned the
marriage secretly because Nannette
did not love the Duc, but Rene, a
poor village youth, who was very
handsome. Rene is very much trou-
bled when he hears that Nannette
must marry the Duc. The loss of the
Royal Marriage Puchment helps to
bring about the story. The operetta
was written by Agnes Emelie Peter-
son and Lois Woodson Curtin. The
costumes worn by the players were
an array of bright colors. They were
of colonial type. The scenery was
very carefully sketched by the pupils
of the art classes and the faculty.

Cleveland convention

Glejmo naprej, ne nazaj!

(Piše Anton Okolish)

V debatah v glasilu čitamo več tednov zaporedoma tudi da: "Tako je bilo na konvenciji in tako ni bilo! Zakaj se ni upoštevalo želje federacij? Zakaj se ni čitalo resolucij? Ta in oni konvencijni odbor se je, kot se govori, dal vplivati od tega in onega glavnega odbornika. Ta naj prizna in oni naj prizna, da je v zmoti!" Čitali smo dva protesta in v njih je bilo povedano tudi, da urednik ni ravnal pravilno, ker je priobčil gotove stvari.

Nisem se mislil oglašiti o tem, pa vidim, da so nekateri popolnoma pozabili, da se je že na konvenciji sami precej odločno in pa tudi glasno zahtevalo, da se naj prečitajo gotove resolucije. "Kje so pa naše resolucije?" je nakako ogorčeno vprašal delegat iz Pennsylvanije. Konvencija bi bila prav lahko ustregla pennsylvanianskemu delegatom, pa jim ni. Torej, ako se hoče že kdo kaj jeziti, ker niso bile resolucije prečitane, se naj jezi na celo konvencijno zbornico, ne pa na posamezne. Konvencije so v nekaterih ozirih zelo muhaste. Pred konvencijo je strogo pravilo, da konvencijni odbor ne sme konvenciji je strogo proti pravilom dovoliti na primer kako izplačilo. Na konvenciji pa se gotove točke začasno suspendira, se odobri, in pravilno je. Podpisani in vrhovni zdravnik sva se glede tega večkrat oglašila in protestirala, pa sva bila zavrnjena kot nekaka ignoranta, češ, ali ne veda, da je to konvencija in da ista ima tako moč, pa sva "šutila." Meni se zdi, da so nekatere federacije najbrž naredile to napako, ker so nekatere njih sklepe in priporočila držale preveč tajno pred konvencijo. Večina oziroma vse članstvo sedaj niti ne ve vsebine gotovih resolucij in zakaj se sploh gre. Niti najmanj nam ne bode koristilo nadaljno prekanjanje, in, ker stvar najbrž ni tako važna, da bi zahtevala splošno glasovanje, je najbolje, da se vse pozabi. Glejmo raje v bodočnost, posebno naj bi upoštevali nasvete v članku sobrata Janko N. Rogeljina v glasilu od dne 9. t. m. glede federacij. Meni se zdi, da kar se tiče naše federacije v Ohio, nismo v preteklosti imeli zadosti popolnega programa. Posvečali smo enim stvarim, posebno od začetka, vse preveč pozornosti, in drugemu, zelo važnemu za napredek Jednote, vse premalo. Vse premalo je bilo reda, ali vkljub temu se je mnogo dobrega naredilo, posebno kar se tiče pravil. Skušajmo v prihodnosti popraviti, kar smo zagrešili v preteklosti. Na sejal federacije smo tudi pogrešali več naše tukaj rojene mladine. V prihodnosti se jim bo moralo dati več pozornosti. Treba bo na sejal razmotrivati tudi o takem, kar bode njih zanimalo. Glede vsega tega bo treba najprvo sestaviti bolj natančen program in priprave. Zelo me je razveselilo poročilo zastopnikov našega društva, da na seji ohijske federacije v Lorainu navsezadnje vendar ni bilo "likofa," kot se je napovedovalo, in da bo naša federacija in upamo, da bodo tudi druge, nadaljevale z delom za v korist in napredek naše Jednote.

RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN INOZEMSTVA

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

rovneja posredovanja uspešen. To pomeni, da je ameriška vlada dala načrtu svojo moralno podporo.

ANGLEŠKI KRALJ Edward VIII. se je pretekli teden odpovedal prestolu, katerega je zasedel letos v januarju, po smr-

ti svojega očeta Georga V. Nasledil ga je njegov brat Albert Frederick Arthur George, ki si je privzel naslov George VI. Novi kralj, ki je mlajši od Edwarda, je oženjen s škotsko grofico Elizabeto in ima dve hčeri.

Neposredni vzrok, da se je Edward odpovedal prestolu, je bilo nasprotovanje vlade, to je ministrov in parlamenta, da bi se poročil s svojo prijateljico Mrs. Wally Simpson, ki je porodu Američanka in ki je bila že dvakrat poročena, najprej z nekim ameriškim častnikom, potem pa z angleškim častnikom Simpsonom, in se je od obeh ločila. Nekateri hočejo vedeti, da so afero izvalili bogati angleški lordi, ki so se hoteli Edwarda iznebiti, ker je bil preveč samostojen, preveč demokratičen in je preveč simpatiziral z revnejšimi sloji. Cinični angleški pisatelj George Bernard Shaw pa meni, da je Edward resigniral enostavno zato, ker nikdar ni maral za kraljevsko pozicijo, do katere je prišel enostavno vsled tega, ker je bil najstarejši sin pokojnega kralja, in ker ni maral igrati pajaca.

Takoj po svoji odpovedi je Edward odpotoval v inozemstvo. Začasno se je nastanil v gradu barona Evgena Rothschilda v Enzesfeldu, Avstrija.

ČANG KAJŠEK, predsednik in diktator osrednje kitajske vlade je bil "kidnapan" in interniran v mestu Sian-Fu. Odvedli so ga vojaki maršala Čang Hsueh-lianga, ki zahteva vojno napram Japoniki in upoštevanje komunističnega vpliva na Kitajskem. Čete osrednje vlade so začele prodirati proti Sian-Fu, da osvobodijo svojega poveljnika. Japonska zre na najnovejši razvoj dogodkov na Kitajskem z velikim vznemirjenjem.

O BOŽIČNIH DREVESIH

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

postavljeno na Rockefeller Center v New Yorku. Visoko je bilo 80 čevljev, tehtalo je šest ton in deblo je merilo v premeru 28 palcev; starost drevesa je bila okrog 60 let. Na drevesu je bilo 1700 električnih žarnic v raznih barvah. Božična drevesa v sedanjem smislu in obliki so najprej začeli rabiti v Nemčiji. Od tam se je ta običaj razširil po ostali Evropi in v Ameriko. V Združenih državah se je običaj božičnih dreves začel pred 115 leti.

Običaj rabe vedno zelenih dreves za božične dekoracije pa sega daleč v čase pred začetkom krščanstva. Že stari Egipčani pred tisočletji so proslavljali zimski sončni obrat s tem, da so svoje hiše okrasili z zelenimi palmovimi vejami, kot simbol zmage življenja nad smrtjo. Kot znano, se na severni zemski polobli začne sonce vedno višje dvigati in dnevi daljšati kmalu po 21. decembru, ko je najkrajši dan. Stari Rimljani so proslavljali praznik svojega boga Saturna s tem, da so hiše okrasili z zelenimi vejami. Tudi stari Grki in stari Skandinavci so vedno zelena iglasta drevesa porabljali za dekoracijo ob gotovih njihovih praznikih, katere so obhajali približno v isti letni dobi kot se obhaja današnji božič.

PRENAŠALKA BOLEZNI

Med najnevarnejše prenašalke raznih bolezni spadajo navadne hišne muhe, ki obležejo najgrše odpadke ter na svojih kocinastih nogah in telesu prenašajo razne bacile, med njimi tudi mnoge nevarne. Znanstveniki so pronašli, da znavadna hišna muha vedno nosi s seboj vsaj en milijon raznih bacilov, toda nekatere muhe jih prenašajo tudi 20, 30 ali 40 milijonov.

MLADINSKI DOPISI

Contributions From Our Junior Members

(Nadaljevanje s 7. strani)

she was to stay forever at their home. Marion was thrilled, and without saying a word kissed her new mother. Then sister led her to the Christmas tree, under which she found gifts that before she could only think of. To top it all Santa walked in and greeted Marion and gave her many more gifts.

Now I take this opportunity to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the SSCU members.

Victoria Kumsa
No. 6, SSCU

GOWANDA, N. Y.

DEAR EDITOR:

I didn't write for a long time, so I thought I would write now. Christmas will be here pretty soon. I wish Santa Claus would bring me some toys. I am in the third grade. I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a happy new year. Good-bye until the next time.

Jennie Widgay (Age: 7)
No. 89, SSCU

CLEVELAND, O.

DEAR EDITOR:

I want to thank you for the dollar check awarded me for my last article that appeared in the Nova Doba. This gave me encouragement to keep on writing more in an effort to be among the best. I belong to the Skrajenci singing club. On Christmas we will hold a play called "Povodnji moč." I want every boy and girl to come out and see this play, which will be held in the Slovene Lodges' Home on Reicher Ave., Euclid. O. Santa Claus will be present and all children are going to receive boxes of candy. I hope Little Stan and all the members a Merry Christmas and I hope more juvenile members write.

Sally Hrvatin (Age: 8)
No. 173, SSCU

GOWANDA, N. Y.

DEAR EDITOR:

I haven't written for a long time. I think it is the laziness that keeps me from writing. Even though I didn't write for a long time I read the Nova Doba every week, and I sure like to read Little Stan's letters and I also like Ernie Palic's letters. But lately I never see any of Ernie's letters in the Nova Doba. What's the matter Ernie, is it the winter weather?

On December 23, Santa Claus will give presents away to the juvenile members of St. Joseph and Pathfinder lodges. The party will start at seven thirty p.m. I hope all the juveniles come to this party.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Violet Widgay (Age: 13)
No. 89, SSCU

CLEVELAND, O.

DEAR EDITOR:

I wish to thank the officials responsible for my second award which I received in this section. This certainly has given me plenty of courage, as I think it is a great compliment to be rewarded in this fashion. I wish everyone of our members had something to say in the Nova Doba, and thus surprise Little Handsome Stan. He sure must have big eyes to read it all.

Beginning with next month, why don't all the juvenile members make a resolution to write a letter for the first month of the year. I would be so happy if I could see letters from our juveniles. Most of our thoughts may be on the next juvenile convention. Where? What are we going to do to get there? I guessed it! Suppose anyone who gets the most new members is eligible to attend the convention. I hope so. You can count on me to do my bit to make a determined effort to attend the next juvenile convention.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Little Handsome Stan, members and to you Mr. Editor. I hope Santa brings lots of presents to Stan, heh, heh. And may our Union progress.

Elsie Desmond (Age: 12)
No. 173, SSCU

EUCLID, O.

DEAR EDITOR AND READERS:

Hello everybody! This is my first letter to the Nova Doba, but I assure you not the last. It is high time that I have decided to put my shoulder to the wheel and help fill the juvenile page. I am a young lass of fifteen summers and I hail from the small but pleasant city of Euclid. My greatest hobby is writing and I have several novels and poems to my credit. Below is one of my poems and I hope you will all enjoy it.

DECEMBER

A flurry of ice on the river,
A flurry of snow on the plain;
Bare branches that tremble and quiver,
A network of frost on the panes.

The whistling of winds at the case-
ments;
A shadow of grey overhead.
A garden in humble abasement.
When blossoms and bird song have fled.

The leaping of blood to the challenge,
A bluster and deafening cry.
You've baffled and dared us, December,
But give us strength to defy.

For the present good-bye,
And the future—who knows?
May the Christmas Holidays be
Bright and cheerful for everyone.

Albina Nosec
No. 132, SSCU

HUNTING TRIP

One day my boy friends and I spent four days out in the woods hunting. We took our lunch, tent, toboggan, gun and my dog, of course. We packed everything in the car and started off. We had some car trouble on the way, which delayed us about an hour. When we arrived at the destination we put up the tent and fixed up everything for the night. We ate supper, and then were so tired that we went to bed. It was very cold sleeping in the tent. We had a stove made from a barrel. I fired it up and soon it got warmer. When I awoke at daybreak the following morning, I had to go to the creek and get some water, and preparing some coffee soon had the boys out of bed. We left one fellow behind to wash and clean up while the rest went out hunting. We walked about two miles in the woods through thick brush and deep snow. Soon we saw a bunch of deer in the open. We shot, but missed, as our guns did not carry that far.

A deer ran right in front of us. I took a shot and hit it in the head. It fell down dead. I whistled and my boy friends came to me. They helped me pull my deer back to the tent. It was a very heavy job pulling it about two and a half miles. By the time we ate supper it was too late to go into the woods again so we played cards, smoked and talked. The next morning one of the boys went to the creek for some water. Here he saw a deer drinking and taking aim fired, but missed; so he followed quickly with another shot and hit him in the leg. It fell down and started to kick, and in order to put the animal out of misery, this boy shot the deer in the head. When the boys at the camp heard about it, they took the toboggan along and brought the second deer to the tent.

We went out hunting again, by a different route. We noticed a log house on our way, and the owner invited us in to warm up. He showed us the many furs he had secured, the animals he had stuffed, etc. He told us he wasn't lonesome because his work kept him busy. We stayed there until four o'clock, when according to this hunter, the deer come to stay at a place about half a mile from the log house. We heard the wolves howling. Then going to the directed place we found four deer standing. The hunter and one of our boys brought two more deer down, and because it was so late we left ours at his house for the night.

When we returned to the tent the lone watchman was worried for fear that we were lost. After telling him about our adventure we sat down, ate our supper, played cards and then went to bed. The next morning we decided to stay one more day before going home. My dog and I went out for a walk. I noticed that he was howling, so out of curiosity I went to see what it was all about. Sure enough, on top of the tree was a porcupine, and when I fired at him he fell to the ground. My dog went after him, but soon left the porcupine with many needles sticking from him. When we returned to camp the boys laughed at the dog, while I had the sweet job of pulling needles from his hide.

We decided to go home. It didn't take us long to reach our destination. Tired, but happy with our catch, we went to bed saying we again would go out hunting.

Frank Kotnik
No. 26, SSCU, Eveleth, Minn.

ENUMCLAW, WASH.

DEAR EDITOR:

As Christmas is approaching I think it fitting to dedicate this issue to the Yuletide. Of course, I do not mean to restrict this edition to extreme so-berness because Little Stan writes there is always bound to be a certain number of cracks! (Dry, of course! heh! heh! heh!) Here is my story:

DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

It was a cloudy day, not an unusual one, just a typical day in December. And yet it was the day before Christmas. The morning, decidedly cold, was filled with a noticeable crispness in the air. Quite contrary, the afternoon increased in warmth, until the clouds seemed certain to depart.

Furthermore, the little town of Manon was enjoying the holiday spirit which filled the hearts of everyone. Even old Jim Jenkins, the grouchy old of grouches was merry. His reason? Christmas was ahead, only one day off.

Prospective customers drifted in and out of the stores on Main Street vainly seeking suitable Yuletide gifts. The policeman on Main Street and First Avenue had his hands full of traffic and plenty to spare with the ever increasing throng of automobiles, pedestrians, etc. As a result he was relieved from his post of duty by the town marshal, who, in spite of his years, managed the situation remarkably. Perhaps it was because most of the traffic dispersed to find the seclusion of their homes, as the evening approached.

After the dinner hour, as the night wore on, a strange silence came upon the town. Last minute shoppers flitting through the stores, caused the only disturbance. Moreover, it seemed that they, too, were half aware of the quiet which dominated the town. Later, when all was silence, just before the stroke of midnight came the climax. Hark! A bugle call. And the angel of Yuletide poured forth his message to the world, "Peace on earth, and goodwill to men!"

Then silence—until the dawn. So, a Merry Christmas to all fellow juveniles!

John Chacata (Age: 13)
No. 162, SSCU

MILWAUKEE, WISC.

DEAR EDITOR:

I want to thank you very much for the dollar you sent me. I am sorry I wrote to you so late after receiving the money. Well, Christmas is coming on very soon and people are buying presents to send to friends. In Milwaukee thousands of people go shopping during Christmas; especially in the downtown district. Merry Christmas to the supreme board, delegates of the first juvenile convention, and to members of the SSCU.

Milan Pelch (Age: 14)
No. 225, SSCU

GOWANDA, N. Y.

DEAR EDITOR:

The adult members of St. Joseph and Pathfinder lodges, both SSCU,

are planning to hold Christmas entertainment on Wednesday evening, December 23, at the Slovene Hall. Santa Claus will be there to delight the youngsters present and candy will be given away. All juvenile members should be present at seven to enjoy games, etc., until the presents are distributed.

This year our school will present a play given by pupils of St. Joseph school. Every year we have had very good attendances and I hope to see a large crowd this year as the school needs the money. All the snow in Gowanda has melted and it is just like spring. I doubt if we will have any snow for Christmas but I do hope we will have snow.

In Gowanda hills are plentiful and when the snow is about two feet deep, winter sports are followed by men, women and children. I wish all members of the SSCU a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Robert Palic (Age: 12)
No. 222, SSCU

CLEVELAND, O.

DEAR EDITOR:

Did you have a nice Thanksgiving dinner? Well, I did. I went to a wedding on that day. I am contributing a story about a little girl who did not know the meaning of Christmas.

One day a little girl named Lucy was playing in the snow. She heard somebody say something about Christmas which she failed to understand. So she went into the house and asked her mother, who did not give her a satisfactory answer. Then she went down the street asking people the same question, but all she could learn was that Christmas falls on December 25th.

She rested on the steps of her home. It was dark and all of a sudden she heard a bell, accompanied by reindeer, and finally Santa Claus himself.

"Hello, Lucy, my name is Santa Claus, why didn't you write me a letter?"

Lucy didn't know what to say, so she asked him why she should have sent him a letter.

"Because," continued Santa, "every girl and boy writes to me so that I can bring them something for Christmas."

So Lucy found out the meaning of Christmas. Before Santa Claus departed he gave Lucy a picture of himself.

Flore Prosen (Age: 8)
No. 173, SSCU

CLEVELAND, O.

DEAR EDITOR AND JUVENILE MEMBERS:

The time has come for me to part from my fellow juvenile companions of the SSCU to join the adult division. If you have ever been in this state, you'll know how my heart yearns to remain with the juvenile members. That means that I can no longer communicate through the magnificent juvenile page of Nova Doba with my friends far and near. Of course, nothing bars me from reading and enjoying the letters, poems and stories submitted. I enjoyed reading the various articles and hope to continue to do so in the future. Besides seeing your letter published, there is always the possibility of winning cash prize. So, juveniles, attention! and pledge this New Year's Day to write an article every month in the year to come. Fill the page with so many letters that the editor will have to add another page for your contributions.

Just a little suggestion. A check for one dollar comes handy when more gift money is needed, or if the day is very hot, and extra dime should be used on an ice cream soda to soothe the parched throat. Several dollar prizes are awarded to juveniles each month.

Further, our Union also offers cash awards of fifty cents for every new member obtained. Why not get some of your playmates to join? It costs only a small amount a month, fifteen cents to be exact. Double the number of juveniles enrolled in your lodge.

A few words of praise to the editor who makes it possible for all our letters to appear in print. Sometimes I pity him and am glad that I am not in his shoes, when the time comes to decipher the writing of the youngsters in the second and third grades. He deserves a big pat on the back. May his health remain with him and may he live a long time and continue to be loved by the juvenile members and remembered as the good "old editor."

Nothing much of importance remains to be said. But since I no longer will remain a juvenile, I will appreciate if any members of the SSCU will write to me. My address is 19716 Arrowhead Ave., Cleveland, O. I will welcome all letters.

Just to cover my seriousness a little I am sending a paragraph of nonsense.

The fields were harvested, it being Spring. Two aged editors trudged slowly along with a rapid pace. The air clouds covering the rising sun in the west were nowhere to be seen. Snow fell lightly, forming puddles of water and mud on the budding trees and closing four o'clocks. Said one man to the other in silence: "I will remove my coat for it is getting cold." The north wind is blowing so gently. How beautiful the robin caws while his mate sings whippoorwill. Isn't this winter day a perfect night to go dining in the shallow lake where the children are ice skating? Let's stop in this bakery shop for a bathing suit to wear to the breakfast party tonight. Why not get some flour at the barber shop to give to my boy friend. I know he'll like to carry it in his hand with his long knee-length evening gown. "Look," said the other man after talking all this while, "it is almost one o'clock. We won't get home before noon if we don't walk slower." When they reached home they put their shoes on and entered the window as the French maid closed the front door for them to come in, and in her German style learned by Greek teachers in Italy, she gave them their hats and they stood up to drink their meatless chicken, soft toasted bread and dry cream puffs. Just then the cuckoo sank out, "Cuckoo, cuckoo."

How did you enjoy that? Hope you had a hearty laugh. May your Christmas Holidays be the best ever, and may your New Year be filled with happiness and success. Farewell to all my juvenile friends especially the editor, the juvenile members of lodge No. 173 and a few of my pen pals, Mary Malnar of Hockersville, Pa. and Catherine Uicer of Gilbert, Minn.

Anne Prosen (Age: 16)
No. 173, SSCU

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