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20 Days Left!

Within 20 days from the publication of this issue, our American Fraternal Union's New Name Campaign will come to an anticipated happy conclusion. Final statistics will be tabulated in the Home Office of our society, and we will eagerly await the results.

Reports on the progress of the New Name Campaign have been published weekly by our Supreme Secretary. Needless to say, these results for the first five-month period have been somewhat below the excellent standards set by our members in past campaigns. Unless this month of June shows expected gains, our New Name Campaign will not be on par with those successful past events.

However, we are not finished! Rather, we are hoping that our candidates in many states will arise to this occasion and show their fraternal spirit in these final 20 days of the Campaign. We hope they will take advantage of this period to make up for valuable lost time by enrolling the required number of new members to reach their quota and qualify as delegates to the Fourth Juvenile Convention.

Thus far, we have 92 candidates entered in the New Name Campaign. A bright side was revealed this week, when five more candidates entered the field. And, it is very likely that we may have a few more candidates, even tho the Campaign is so near its end.

Minnesota is a shining example of what can be accomplished. Though they are still plugging, they have already qualified 22 delegates! In this state, Ely, Minn., our Home Office City has qualified 17 delegates! Chisholm, Eveleth, and Hibbing, complete the Minnesota Roster of delegates at this writing. Export, Pa., Bon Carbo, Colo., and East Helena, Mont., have each qualified one delegate.

Analyzing the situation carefully, we wonder what the difficulty is in other states! Have our good members forgotten the generosity of their own American Fraternal Union? Have they forgotten that the continual growth of their society depends on the effort they contribute towards successful conclusion of the New Name Campaign? We hope that they have not.

Remember, the American Fraternal Union is not a cold, calculating life insurance company. It is a fraternal society—your organization—giving you insurance protection, "with a heart."

However, we are confident that every candidate in the field will have qualified by the end of June. From the present records, it can be authoritatively concluded that they will—and should this become a reality, our society will again mark this New Name Campaign as another successful milestone in the progress of our Union.

National Defense Industries have supplied an employment tonic that has placed practically every available man in the nation to work. How quickly would an accident or sudden illness jeopardize the safety of his family! With this "rush" period, the need for fraternal life insurance protection is greater than ever! By keeping these things in mind—by stressing these points to prospective lodge members, you can do your part—not only for our society, but also in line with National Defense which stresses safety and protection to the patriotic population of this Nation!

Make good use of these next 20 days. You know what a glorious vacation period awaits you! We would like to see you qualified as a delegate—looking forward toward the Fourth Juvenile Convention in Ely, Minn., this August!

But you've got to keep plugging!

Lodge No. 132, AFU, To Celebrate "American Fraternal Union Day" At Picnic Sunday; Stusek's Farm Is Scene

Euclid, O.—The season for picnics is on, and, as already publicized, our lodge Napredek No. 132, will celebrate "American Fraternal Union Day," at a picnic to be held Sunday June 15th at Stusek's Farm near Wickliffe. Most everyone knows where these picnic grounds are located as they are near Cleveland and can be reached via Highway No. 84. Stusek's Farm—site of the affair—is very beautiful and is prepared for this event.

Members of our American Fraternal Union, and all other friends and neighbors are invited to attend this picnic. Invited, too, are our supreme officers who reside in Ohio. Should others come from different nearby states, we assure that they are very welcome. As far as our supreme officers from Ohio are concerned, it is not nec-

essary to invite them personally, as they are always glad to attend if they possibly can, and feel at home among us.

All the color and events, and refreshments of picnics will also prevail at our event. Every care is being taken so that everyone has a nice time. A baseball game between our Napredek and some other AFU softball team will be another featured attraction. Facilities for balina games are handy at Stusek's Farm, and those who wish can play "balina."

Another feature is the prizes that will be awarded lucky winners. The kind?—you'll find out by attending!

We shall expect you Sunday, June 15th to participate in our "AFU Day" picnic at Stusek's Farm near Wickliffe! For Lodge 132, AFU:

John Tanko, secretary

Colorado Federation Will Meet In Trinidad

Bon Carbo, Colo.—Next meeting of the Colorado Federation of American Fraternal Union lodges will be held July 20th in Trinidad, Colo. The session will be held at the home of Margaret Girl and will begin at 9 a. m. Lodge representatives are asked to attend on time.

Evening before the session—July 19—a get-together and dance will be held in Motor Park. This is located near Morley, Colo. The dance will begin about 8 p. m. Members residing in this vicinity are invited to attend this event in full numbers. Invited also, are members of other organizations, and all of our friends and neighbors.

Secretaries of various lodges in the Federation are asked to inform their representatives and submit the number of new members that have been enrolled.

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Montana Delegate



Mary Frances Smith

East Helena, Mont.—Lodge No. 43, AFU, of East Helena, Montana has never failed to provide real action in all campaign thus far sponsored by our society. Pictured here is Mary Frances Smith, daughter of Secretary and Mrs. Louis Smith of Lodge No. 43, who is the first delegate qualified from

Congratulations! Read her article in this issue. You'll enjoy it! 20 days left—keep plugging!

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CANDIDATES IN HOME STRETCH

BRIEFS

Seventeenth Report on the progress of our New Name Campaign thru the week ending June 6th shows:—New members enrolled, Juvenile, 523; adult, 394; total—917. New insurance written—juvenile, \$241,150; adult, \$232,500; total—\$473,650. Candidates for delegate—regular, 41; honorary, 55; total—96. Candidates already qualified—regular, 18; honorary, 7; total—25.

Our New Name Campaign ends June 30th. Candidates for regular or honorary delegates must be entered by June 15th, and must be received at the Home Office in Ely, Minn., not later than June 20th. Those candidates who enter later will not be counted. After any lodge meeting in June, until the end of the campaign, lodge officers, president, secretary, and treasurer have permission to approve new members, without going through the formality of a special meeting. All applications of new members must be at the office of the Supreme Medical Examiner or the Home Office by July 5th. Later receipt of applications will not be counted for campaign credits.

Lodge No. 36, AFU, Conemaugh, Pa., softball team will sponsor a dance at the Slovene Hall, June 21st. Dancing begins at 8 p. m. E. S. T. Music by the Bergant Sisters. Everyone is invited.

Visitor at the office of Nova Doba last Thursday was John J. Pershern, formerly of Gilbert, Minn., who is now employed in Cleveland. Mr. Pershern is a member of the American Fraternal Union, Lodge 20, Gilbert, Minn.

William (Bill) Struna, a member of Collinwood Boosters, Lodge No. 188, was graduated Sunday, June 8th, from

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\$15,000 For National Defense



Ely, Minn.—Fifteen thousand dollars were invested in national defense bonds by our American Fraternal Union after the supreme board had approved the purchase as the AFU's contribution toward the fund being raised nationally for defense.

Pictured is Anton Zbasnik, (center) supreme secretary,

handing George Somero, cashier of the First National Bank of Ely, a check for \$15,000 in exchange for the bonds being held by Louis Champa, (seated, right), supreme treasurer of our AFU. Scene is in the office of the supreme secretary at Ely, Minn.

First in Fraternalism—First in Patriotism—First in National Defense. Our American Fraternal Union marks another major step in the forward progress of its members and the nation.

Defense bonds can be purchased for as low as \$18.75 with a maturity value of \$25 in ten years. Postal savings stamps ranging in price from 10-cents to \$5 may also be purchased and exchanged for defense bonds.

WILL PLUG HARD IN GIGANTIC EFFORT TO QUALIFY BEFORE JUNE 30th!

Conemaugh Dance A Success

Conemaugh, Pa.—The first dance held by the Conemaugh St. Louis softball team was really a success. Frank Rebarnak and his White Eagle orchestra was featured at this dance. By the way Frank is a member of the AFU. We all want to compliment Frank and his boys for the good music they furnished and also the girl that sang so well.

This dance was attended by a good many out-of-town folks. For instance, we had people from Cleveland, Colorado, New Jersey, Pittsburgh, and we also had a few army boys with us.

I would also like to let you know that our next dance will be on June 21st and this time we will have the Bergant sisters furnishing the music. This is the only Slovene girls' orchestra that we know and these girls come from Ohio. What do you say we all attend this dance and show these girls we are proud of their girl orchestra. You know it would be nice to have the old folks with us and enjoy ourselves the real old Slovene way.

If you think the young only have fun at these dances you've got another guess coming. I know Mr. and Mrs. John Kolar, Tony Rovansek, and John Ceglar always have a good time because they haven't missed one of our dances so far. I also want to thank Mrs. Swete for showing her cooperation with us by preparing us two smoked hams. These hams were so good that they went like hot cakes.

If we get cooperation from the other old folks like we get from these we can put our lodge on the map. So until June the 21st at 8 o'clock (E.S.T.) I am,

Benny Fink
No. 36 AFU

In a little less than three weeks—about 20 days to be exact—the climaxing chapter to the story of our American Fraternal Union's New Name Campaign will be written! In this period, candidates numbering near the 100 mark, will shoot the works in one big effort to come down the final stretch—a winner and delegate to the Fourth Juvenile Convention.

From now on there won't be very many more words—but we'll try to tell you in pictures just what a splendid vacation trip lies in store if you qualify! Pictures of delegates who have already come in with flying colors; scenes of the beautiful vacation country you will be visiting IF YOU QUALIFY!

Our Supreme Officers want as many as possible to qualify. They want you to know and share the adventure that others have experienced at previous events. They want you to know better our American Fraternal Union. And so they made it possible for you to gather in one large group—to ride to an appointed place—most appropriate the Home Office at Ely, Minn., where you could really see what it is to belong to the American Fraternal Union!

This is an experience you will never forget, and believe us—you never will!

Make good use of these last 20 days—and don't forget to qualify immediately!

Fifth From Lodge 114



Emma Meden

Ely, Minn.—Pictured is Miss Emma Meden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meden, all members of Lodge No. 114, AFU, of Ely, Minn., who is the fifth to qualify from her lodge. Minnesota is carving a trail of glory in the New Name Campaign. Only 20 days left! Keep Plugging!

Urge Members To Attend Meeting Sunday

Lodge 66, Joliet, Ill., Plans Increased Campaign Activity In Final Month

Joliet, Ill.—Members of Lodge No. 66, AFU of Joliet, Ill., are reminded that the next meeting will be held Sunday—this week—June 15th. The meeting will take place at regular quarters and will begin at 1 p. m. All members are invited and asked to attend as there are a number of important matters to be discussed.

New Name Campaign The campaign for the enrollment of new members is nearing its end. Only until June 30 will you have time to enroll enough new members to gain your quota and qualify.

ALL THOSE MEMBERS OF OUR LODGE WHO HAVEN'T AS YET SHOWN ANY CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY ARE

John Adamich, secretary.

LITTLE STAN'S ARTICLE

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were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Krall and daughter of Betsy Ross; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Laurich, daughter, Beverly, Elsie Desmond, and a couple whose names can't remember at the moment. From Wheatland, Pa., came Frank Rupnik and his two sisters, Carolyn and Angela. Camerons worked overtime and writing postcards was fun! Even when Steve Babich added to it by buying a couple of ice-cream cones! Then this guy comes around again with his: "Oh! Hello there—shorter than me!"

At affairs like this you meet so many people; the fraternalism, rubbing elbows, warm hospitality everywhere sort of sweeps you off your feet—and there are a lot of things you'd like to remember—especially names—and you just can't do it! Reminded at the moment of Swede from Struthers who promised to invite Little Stan and Joe Struna to his wedding.

From No. 71—Fighting 71—Stan Zagore, chairman of the AFU softball league in Cleveland, with Frankie Znidar, who we're certain will be a delegate; and Henry (Baker) Bokal move around looking over the lay of the land. Lodge 71 is having a picnic at Stusek's Farm, June 29th—and they were arranging for a ball game or so. Ham Laurich introduced us to Vincent Lautar and Stanley Lautar. Met a girl who was delegate in 1935—from Barberton. My how time does fly!

Perhaps the No. 1 baseball fans of St. Martin's are Anton Okolish, sr. and Jacob Novak! They were really rooting for their Lodge 44 team. Young Novak pitched a swell game—but that final homerun was what put the works to the ball game. Stan Pogačnik playing third for the Cards turned in some nice plays—kinds got the taney of the crowd at that! Bill Kinella, pitching—Steve Babich roving the field—and they add the complete team wasn't there!

Somebody suggested we should have an AFU golf tournament for Ohio—and it might become a reality yet. It wouldn't be expensive. We'll feel out some of the members on this. Was nice to see Joe Ujcic again! Yep, that Barberton crowd is aces! In the dance emporium that evening, saw Andy Zadell going to town—Red Zamen and Cowboy Singer Zadell, Patsy Krall, J. P. Morgan n' all the boys going to town. Alice Plevnik, Frank Martich, Johnny Quinn and his brother,—all active B.R.'s, Bro. Slabe from Struthers, who delivered regards from Oisonovich, and sister, and just can't think of the name of the fellow who brought Little Stan a nice topper—Oscar Pepper. And so it went. This affair ranking very highly in our estimation—everyone having a grand time. Thank you Barberton!

Before the ball game, John Opeka brought our S-34-P passengers to his home where his wife served a delicious meal. Mrs. Jakey Novak and "Pooki" were there—and it really was so very pleasant. Back to the ball field after that to watch the goings-on. Evident were the triumvirate—a group of three girls who never miss an event—Dorothy and Rose Rossa and Albinia Gruden. Missing after a hardy mix-up—that Adams hat that had been autographed at Struthers, O., a few weeks ago. Ikey Kocin saw it somewhere—but have an idea a couple of souvenir hunters really trapped it this time!

At the picnic grounds, events were in full swing. It felt right at home to tramp around in the tall grass—and didn't have to worry about stepping into anything. Busy at work was Frank Smerdel, Jakey Novak, Mrs. Novak, Mrs. Zalar, Alice Zalar, Mr. Ujcic and his boys—and everyone! Lodge No. 44 really had a swell group of hustlers attending to every need of the patrons. And to show you how swell this picnic went over—it was several hours before the event concluded—and they had run short of nearly everything. One of the members described it

ONWARD BETSY ROSS!

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like this: "Everytime St. Martin's Lodge 44 sponsors a picnic—it is usually the biggest picnic of the year!"

Had quite a chat with Mary Novak who is Lodge 44's candidate for delegate to the Fourth Juvenile Convention. She got six new members herself, and figures certainly she's going to make it. She's going to write a story of the picnic for the Juvenile Page. Her little brother, Willie, age 11, dashed up and shook hands with Little Stan. And smile when we think of how Little Betty Opeka tried so hard to see Little Stan before he left—and how bashful she got the last minute. Saw her report card, and she certainly didn't have a thing below the "B" average!

Mr. and Mrs. Okolish's daughter, Mary—we believe the first name is—got her picture in the Akron Beacon-Journal. She was selected to reign (correct us, if we're wrong) as queen—or is a candidate—for some big event coming up in Barberton. Congrats!

When Betsy Ross rolled into town with about eight filled carloads, Barberton certainly knew that they had arrived! Tony Malavasic and his accordion and sax player led the team from the National Home to the ball park—and, Patsy Krall, whose mother came to participate in this happy go lucky affair, proudly leading the boys to the second game with Lodge 44. The Martin's boys were leading until the B.R.'s tied it up at 5-all in the early innings. And here again a firecracker exploded in the form of a three-bagger with the bases filled—and the final count showed the B.R.'s leading 11 to 10.

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Saturday was surprised to run into Dylie Grahek formerly from Ely and Aurora, Minn., who has been here for about six months. So many Minnesota boys got together at Birk's—that now definitely—a Minnesota club will be organized here. First meeting to effect a good organization will be held June 19th—Thursday—at Birk's—and we'll be seeing all of you Minnesotans there! Until then, we'll say like Joe Struna—"Let's get out of this fire trap!" Heh Heh! But wait a minute, there's that guy again—"G'bye now—smaller than me," he says!

Stopping enroute from Florida to Saranac Lake, New York this week was Robert Birk, relative of Joseph Birk of Lodge No. 173, Cleveland. The Saranac Lake Birk's operate a country club in Venice, Florida in the winter; and Rivermount Inn in New York in the summer.

that hit and then the crowd and the players really woke up. Our new B. R. members, Tony Malavasic, Johnny Quinn and Richard Oslin, showed that we can expect some top?playing from them this year. But where was the other ballplayer, Mirko? And while we're cheering, we've got to hand it to Mike Krall who is in there again this year—playing for good old B. R.—also a mass of applause for Patsy Krall—who certainly can't be beat. He's not only in there playing his best—but does the cheerleading, too. You're OK, Pat. Incidentally, that sure was some shirt—and it's probably only fair to warn you that you better hang on to it tight—you know, just in case someone (and I'm not mentioning any names) should just happen to decide that it would go pretty good with a pair of brighter baseball trousers.

We made a darn good resolution but heck! we couldn't keep the darn thing not even once. It seems that after Salesman Ivan Rozance collected the Scribe's hankie and Wolf Lisjak took her bow, that yours truly made one grand promise to self that hereafter she'd start a souvenir collection, too. Well—it didn't get far—because the first article in the collection was Nebraska Jack's from out Struthers' way straw hat and after all that pleading on Nebraska Jack's part—my collection ended right where it began. How do you feel today, Steve? Incidentally Mr. Rozance, you can't sell that hankie and I do have to blow my nose—so how about giving it back? And as for Mr. Lisjak, let's see—that makes about the tenth bow of mine—so how about switching to someone else now? Besides Indianapolis might not like it. We're wondering what made St. John's Trio, Henry Bokal, Stan Zagore, and Frank Znidar hurry home so fast. Guess you missed Elsie, Stan—she didn't come till later. We're passing the hat around for a new bit of wearing apparel for Mr. J. P. Morgan. Those trousers certainly couldn't have held out much longer—not with all that jitterbugging. And we're still laughing at that look on Tony Malavasic's face when—during his and J. P.'s rendition of an opera—the suspenders gave way too. Next time we'll remember to bring along plenty of safety pins—just in case. Looks as if Frank Martich has returned to his old flame, Alice.

By the way, why weren't you out in the field, Marsen? Blackie Krall sure knows how to sell the good points of the BR to everyone he runs into. We saw him doing a pretty good job of talking to Frances Klun, Alice Plevnik, and Joe Penko. We sure would be glad to welcome you into our group, Frances, Alice, and Joe and all the rest of you. We don't have to repeat again that Betsy Ross is an up and coming lodge. Wherever you hear of a good time and lots of fun, you can expect to find the B. R. members there. Sunday was only one of the good times that are on the B. R. schedules for this year. So—come and join now and get in on the fun. It seems as if the whole crowd just stayed right until the end. In fact as is always the case the most fun began when it was time to go home.

Other things we saw: The B. R. Wolves at it again and we are referring to the flashlight scene between Rich Oslin and party unknown; J. P. doing a darn good job—in fact much too good a job of taking care of someone else's girlfriend. One of the nicest things we have to remember about Sunday is that Hillsdale Songfest with Tony and Richard providing the music

promptly at 8:00 p. m. Final plans for the Street Car Party will be made at that time. So remember—tomorrow nite at 8:00 p. m. in the Slovener Workers' Home—everybody on the committee and anyone else who may be interested is invited to come and plan for the Street Car party.

Meanwhile—we'll send an SOS to Rosemary to give you the rest of the Barberton High spots next week.

Important Meeting Notices

Kemmerer, Wyo. — Regular meeting of Lodge No. 28, AFU, will be held June 15th at 10 a. m. in regular quarters. A president will be elected to succeed Emil Zebre who was called to the army. Plans for a picnic will be discussed. Proceeds of the picnic will strengthen financially our lodge treasury. Members are requested to be present.—Frank Krusich, sec'y.

Lodge No. 61

Reading, Pa.—All members are asked to attend the next meeting of Lodge No. 61, AFU, Saturday, June 14th at the regular place and time. A new lodge trustee must be elected to replace our present member who was called by Uncle Sam. — John Pezdirc, secretary.

Lodge No. 228

Cheswick, Pa.—Members of Electrons, Lodge No. 228, AFU, are hereby notified that the next meeting will take place Friday, June 13th at 7:30 p. m. in Acmetonia. Regular meetings will take place the second Friday of each month until further notice. — Joseph Yohman, secretary.

Lodge No. 221

Center, Pa.—Center Ramblers, Lodge No. 221, AFU, will hold their next meeting June 15th at 2 p. m., in the Center Slovener Hall. Members are reminded of their pledge to pay dues before the end of the month and are warned they may be suspended if they fail to do so. — Dora Peterrel, secretary.

Colorado Federation

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ed in the adult and Juvenile departments of their lodge so that we will know how much will be paid in special prizes from our Federation treasury. This rule, to pay additional prizes for new members enrolled in the campaign, was passed at the last meeting of the Colorado Federation held in Denver.

At the last Federation meeting, it was also decided to request that a member of the Supreme Board attend our coming meeting and party as guest speaker. The Supreme Board considered our request and arranged to have our first supreme vice-president, Bro. Frank Okoren of Denver, Colo., attend our meeting on July 20th.

All lodges in the state of Colorado are notified that they instruct their representatives, that if they have any lodge matters to dispose of they can bring them up at the session.

Officers cannot make decisions on Federation matters of their own free will, but must abide by the decisions of the Federation. That is why it is important to bring all these matters up at the meeting so that the majority can decide. The majority vote on any decision is binding to all.

For the Colorado Federation of AFU Lodges:

John Lipek, secretary

Third Annual Folk Dance Festival of the International Institute, will be held June 15th at 3:30 p. m. at Cain Park theatre, Cleveland Heights. Cain Park lies along Superior road, between Lee and Taylor roads.

Leaving the ball field went back to the picnic grounds where we all indulged in taking pictures, didn't we Stan Zagore, Fran' Znidar, Henry Bokal, Steve Millson (standing on his head), Steve Babich, Bill Kinella and Charles Crab?? Oh, there were lots of other pictures too.

Really enjoyed a chat Steve Babich who will be coming to Cleveland soon, won't you Steve? . . . Chatted with Frank Mekina and met his friend, Joe. Thanks a lot for the souvenir of New York's Empire State Building, Frank M. . . Saw his old friends, Louie, Steve and Frank. . . Tony Malavasic and Richard Oslin making a hit with their playing accordian

Lodge 170, AFU, Rallies For Final Drive In Closing Month Of New Name Campaign

Chicago, Ill.—Next meeting of Lodge No. 170, AFU, will be held Wednesday, June 18th at 8 p. m. in the regular quarters. At this writing, I would like to remind all members to attend..

We mustn't forget that this is the last meeting before our New Name Campaign is concluded. I hope that our lodge will do its duty in this respect so that we, too, can have our own delegate qualified for the Fourth Juvenile Convention in August. Everyone should attend this meeting so that we can discuss and decide how we can fill our quota to qualify a delegate to this Juvenile Convention.

It would be better that everyone help our candidate along by each enrolling one new member at the next meeting. Welcome

are new members to our adult and also our juvenile departments—and they all count in the campaign. New members can easily be enrolled into a good, sound, fraternal organization. If we enroll a new member into our society, we not only are doing our share for the betterment of our American Fraternal Union, but also for the new member and his family. We are all subject to sudden sickness or other misfortunes, and a good fraternal benefit society such as ours is a big help to us in such cases.

Let us not forget that the campaign closes June 30th. And let us not forget that our next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 18th at 8 p. m. For Lodge 170, AFU.

*Agnes Jurecic, secretary

About This and That

by Elsie M. Desmond

Cleveland, O.—Sunday was a beautiful day and so with the Laurich's daughter, Beverly and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Macek and son, Sonny took a trip to Barberton, Ohio, to attend lodge 44's picnic which was a real success.

Certainly met many people from Barberton and Struthers. First stop was at the Rupert's home to visit the Mr. and Mrs. of Struthers that the wedding would be July 12th. . . Meeting charming Mickey Orenick and his two swell brothers who even posed for us. . . Met juvenile candidate Mary Novak and active writer of our Juvenile Page and met her nice mother Mrs. Novak who even spoke with me in Slovener. . . Met so many other people but rather difficult remembering names, you know, so no hard feelings to those I'd forgotten. Always remember a face is my motto, right Rudy???

After arriving at the Hopo-can Gardens where we met Little Stan, Mr. Terbovec, Vicki Smuk, Frances Perovsek, Dorothy Takavitz, Rose and Joe Struna and Johnny Opeka (pause) we drank a treat with Opeka. Found out where the ball games were being held and drove over there stopping at the Slovenian Home first and re-meeting Rudy Ujcic who introduced me to three nice fellows Joe Ambrozic, Buck Bettich, and Corky Leksan.

Crossed those railroad tracks and on to the ball game where Barberton was winning, but they finally lost to Struthers in a final score of 8-5. Greeted the Lunca's of Betsy Ross. . . Saw Ed Glavic and spoke with him. . . Patsy Krall, active member of Betsy Ross and his gang. . . Although yours truly in disguise with glasses, Marty Yerick just about recognized her. Marty hails from St. John's. . . Saw the Krall's Blackie and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Krall and Mrs. Krall, mother of the three brothers. . . That home-run of Stan Pogačnik's just wonderful. . . Stayed on for a while to see Betsy Ross win the second ball game from St. Martin's in a final score of 11-10. Too bad Barberton is going to lose that handsome pitcher—Joe since he is leaving for the army the 20th of June. . . Met his friend from the army too.

Well, it was a grand picnic and wish to thank the committee of Lodge 44 for such a nice time and to, all the other people whom I met for being so friendly and for the grand company of our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Laurich and Mr. and Mrs. Macek, for the nice trip even though it took us three hours to get home, right Ham?? Well, it was a grand picnic and nice time. . .

Exactly 20 more days in campaigning for new members, candidates so you'd better all hurry so as to qualify as delegates and enjoy that grand week vacation and the honor of being a delegate for our American Fraternal Union. Yes, hurry, time is nearing and before you know it the campaign will be closed. Get your members now—the best of luck to you. But hurry—

This Sunday, Cleveland will act as a welcoming committee to you to attend the lodge picnic of Napredek Lodge, No. 132, AFU, to be held at Stusek's Farm. Music will be there for you. Refreshments. . . prizes and a featured afternoon event, a ball game. The winning team to receive \$2.00 and losing \$1.00 so get your team prepared now to play against Napredek's this Sunday at Stusek's Farm.

That's about enough for a late article so so long and see you Sunday, hoping to see many out-of-towners present at Cleveland's picnic. Yours-E.M.D.

Lodge 71, AFU, of Cleveland, Ohio, will sponsor a picnic June 29th at Stusek's farm.

Lodge 132, AFU of Euclid, O., will sponsor a picnic at Stusek's farm June 15th.

