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RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN INOZEMSTVA

LETOŠNJE VOLITVE

Narodne volitve dne 8. novembra so v veliki meri odločile o postavodaji in upravi te republike za prihodnji dve leti. O izidu teh volitev v današnji izdaji še ne moremo poročati, ker se z ozirom na tehnične razmere forme lista, ki izide v sredo, zaključijo že v torek popoldne oziroma zvečer. Radio poročila naznanijo izvolitev nekaterih važnejših kandidatov že v torek pozno zvečer, splošen pregled izida volitev pa je znan šele v sredo, v posameznih primerih pa še pozneje. Pa naj so izpadle volitve tako ali tako, gotovo je eno, namreč, da bo izid istih velikega pomena ne samo za prihodnji dve leti, ampak tudi za predsedniške volitve v letu 1940.

NOVE VOJNE LADJE

Vlada Zedinjenih držav je nedavno razpisala poziv za ponudbe za gradnjo treh velikih vojnih ladij in domneva se, da bo gradnja istih ponudnikom v kratkem oddana. Nove vojne ladje bodo po 35,000 ton vsaka in bodo stale z vso opremo skupno kakih 250 milijonov dolarjev. V Zedinjenih državah ni bila zgrajena nobena vojna ladja takega tipa že od leta 1923.

POTREBA OBOROŽEVANJA

Zedinjene države imajo primeroma močno vojno mornarico, toda majhno stalno armado ter nezadostno letalstvo in obalno obrambo. Ker ta republika ne misli na nikaka zavojevanja in ker je precej oddaljena od militaristične Evrope in Azije, je ta obrambna sila do zadnjih časov zadostovala. Vlada Zedinjenih držav je večkrat predlagala drugim državam, da bi dogovorno zmanjšale oboroževanje, pa brez uspeha. Zadnje čase pa so evropski diktatorji postali tako objestni in drzni, da kmalu tudi ameriški kontinent ne bo več varen pred njimi, posebno, ker sta se Anglija in Francija izkazali tako impotentni tekom zadnje evropske krize. Vladi Zedinjenih držav zdaj ne bo kazalo nič drugega kot da se vojaško pripravi tako, da bo lahko branila ne samo svojo obalo, ampak tudi obalo Centralne in Južne Amerike, če nanese potreba. Diktatorji imajo rešpekt samo pred dobro oboroženimi državami.

GOZDNI POŽARI

V raznih krajih držav Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia in Virginia so pretekli teden divjali gozdni požari. Z divjim elementom so se borili farmerji, delavci pri WPA in člani tako zvane gozdne armade. Gašenje je bilo otežkočeno zaradi izredno suhega vremena.

V POČAST HUMORISTU

V mestecu Claremore, Oklahoma, je bil dne 4. novembra slovesno otvorjen spominski muzej v počast ameriškega humorista Will Rogersa, ki je bil pred par leti ubit v letalski nesreči. K otvoritvi tega muzeja v Rogersovemu rodnemu mestu se je zbralo okrog 50,000 oseb iz vseh delov in slojev Amerike, ker omenjeni humorist je bil ljubljenec vse Amerike. Spomin pokojnega humorista je počastil z govorom na radio tudi predsednik Roosevelt. Otvoritvi spominskega muzeja so prisostovali

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VAŽNOST IRIGACIJE NA ZAPADU

Na našem zapadu so velikanska polja, sadovnjaki in vinogradi po krajih, kjer je bila pred leti in desetletji popolna puščava ali pa je životarilo le borno napol puščavsko rastlinstvo. Vzrok temu je bila suša, ker v tistih krajih le redkoma dežuje. Zemlja je drugače rodovitna, toda njene rodovitnosti rastline ne morejo uporabljati brez zadostne moče. Za razvoj poljedelstva, sadjarstva in vinogradništva je bila torej potrebna irigacija ali umetno namakanje zemlje. Marsikje potekajo skozi dotične kraje reke in potoki, ki nikdar ne usahnejo, ker dobivajo svoje vode iz topečega se snega in ledu na visokem gorovju. Te reke in potoke so podjetni naseljenci porabili za namakanje suhe zemlje. Marsikje so bile v to svrho potrebne dolge napeljave, tuintam jezovi in rezervoarji. Taka podvzetja so ponekod izvedla udruženja farmerjev, ponekod pa privatne družbe, okraji in države.

Mnogo rodovitne zemlje je bilo na ta način iztrgano puščavi in pridobljeno poljedelstvu, toda še vedno je milijone akrov dobre zemlje, ki je zaradi suše ničvredna. Za namakanje potrebna voda je preoddaljena oziroma napeljevanje iste je bilo do zadnjih časov onemogočeno zaradi prevelikih stroškov, ki bi bili s tem v zvezi. Taka velika podvzetja je mogla izvesti le federalna vlada, ki ima na razpolago velike finančne vire. To je vzrok, da je bilo zadnje čase zgrajenih v zapadnih državah več ogromnih jezov. Ti jezovi imajo trojni namen: preprečevali bodo povodnji, nabirali in razpeljevali vodo za namakanje obdelovalne zemlje in producirali bodo ogromne količine električne energije. Stroški za ta podjetja se bodo v doglednem času izplačali oziroma povrnili v federalno blagajno s prodajo električne sile in s pristojbinami za vodo, ki se bo porabila v irigacijske svrhe.

Ena najbolj zanimivih irigacijskih naprav na zapadu, za katero je načrt že izgotovljen, bo dvigala vodo preko gorskih grebenov, imenovanih Continental Divide v Coloradu. Vse vode, ki izvirajo na zapadni strani tega kontinentalnega predela, tečejo v Pacifik, druge, ki izvirajo na vzhodni strani, pa tečejo po eni ali drugi poti v Atlantik. Na zapadni strani ob reki Colorado bodo zgrajeni ogromni rezervoarji, odkoder bodo ogromne sesalke vlekle vodo v višje ležeče bazene, kjer bo na pripravnem mestu skozi gorovje izvrtan 13 milj dolg predor in voda bo na vzhodnem pobočju gore tekla navzdol. Njen strmi padec bodo tam izrabili za proizvajanje električne sile. Nižje doli bodo drugi rezervarji, iz katerih se bo namakalo obširno, zdaj vsled suše ničvredno zemljišče. Tam bodo zacvetele bogate farme.

Električna energija pa, ki se bo proizvajala na vzhodni strani gorovja, bo po posebnem kablju skozi vodni predor speljana na zapadno stran, kjer bo obratovala velike sesalke za vodo. Tako bo voda sama producirala silo, ki jo bo dvigala na zapadni strani do višine predora. To pomeni, da bo indirektno sama sebe dvigala z zapadne na vzhodno stran. Človek bo vpregel sile narave, in jih primoral, da vršijo gotova človeku koristna dela, ki jih prostovoljno nečejo vršiti.

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O VOLILNI PRAVICI

Več kot poldrugo stoletje po ustanovitvi Združenih držav so ženske ostale brez volilne pravice. Zato je zares čudno, da je ravno skupina žensk v zgornjem delu države New York sprožila idejo, naj se zanika volilna pravica onim moškim in ženskam, ki vsled dolge nezaposlenosti dobivajo javno podporo.

Dotična organizacija, ki si je nadela ime "Women's Rebellion," opozarja na določbe volilnih zakonov v enajstorici držav, ki izključujejo javne reveže (paupers) iz seznama volilcev, in trdi, da ljudje v relifnih seznamih so dejansko taki "reveži." Pa agitirajo za to, da ljudje, ki dobivajo javno podporo, bi morali biti izključeni iz volilne pravice v vseh državah, češ, da oni niso zares svobodni volilci, marveč da "so pod vplivom političnega pritiska" in je mogoče "direktno ali indirektno kupiti" njihove glasove.

Te slavne "upornice" so začele bobnati svojo agitacijo z velikim vikom širom naroda. Ni pa ropot dolgo trajal, kajti madame so naletele na strogo obsojanje s strani zastopnikov vseh političnih strank.

Predsednik Roosevelt sam je vzel to gibanje na znanje in komentiral z ironijo, češ da tako omejevanje volilne pravice bi imelo ravno toliko zmisla, kot ako bi se hotelo izključiti vse one, ki imajo vseučiliščno diplomo.

Da le omenimo drugo kritiko, Clayton E. Freeman, predsednik republikanskega državnega odbora za New Jersey, je izjavil: "Skrajno ogorčanje je na mestu proti gibanju, ki bi hotelo ustanoviti gnjusno načelo, da bi se nesrečnim moškim in ženskam na relifu v katerisibodi državi zanikala neodtujljiva ameriška pravica—volilna pravica."

Mnogo javnih zastopnikov je izjavilo, da je smešno primerjati osebe na relifu z "občinskimi reveži." Ni nikaka sramota biti na relifu oziroma work-reliefu, kajti ljudje v tem položaju so žrtve gospodarskih sil, nad katerimi nimajo nikake kontrole, in prejemajo podporo vsled skrajne sile in ker ne morejo najti dela. Poudarili so, da predlog, oropati jih volilne pravice se protivi duhu demokracije in je nevaren demokratičnim ustanovam.

Vsesplošna reakcija proti predlogu, da se osebam na relifu zabrani voliti, jasno kaže, da to vprašanje ne pride resno v poštev v nobeni državni legislaturi, katere imajo v smislu konstitucije pravico določati, kdo je in kdo ni upravičen udeležiti se volitev.

Ni prav nič čudno, da je javno mnenje v tej deželi ogorčeno odklonilo že sam namen, da bi se moškim in ženskam v gospodarski stiski zanikala poglavitna predpravica državljanstva — pravica do udeležitve na vladi potom volitev. O volilni pravici prevladuje dvoje teorij. Ena je, da je ista privilegij, ki jo država podeljuje poedincu; druga, ki se je neprenehoma poudarjala od vsega začetka ameriške kolonizacije, je, da volilna pravica je naravna, samoumevna pravica vsakega človeka. Dejanski so začetkoma vladale iste omejitve kakor na Angleškem in volilno pravico so imeli le "freeholders," lastniki nepremičnin. Tudi nekatera veroizpovedanja so pripadnike izključevala iz volilne pravice. Celo po revoluciji, l. 1787, je bilo le 150,000 upravi-

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DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

Martinovo veselico priredi društvo št. 108 JSKJ na večer 12. novembra. Čisti dobiček prireditve je namenjen društveni blagajni. Vršila se bo v prostorih Antona Nagode, Avon Park, Girard, Ohio.

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Pevski zbor "Adrija" v Euclidu, Ohio, priredi svoj jesenski koncert in plesno veselico v nedeljo 13. novembra. Prireditev se bo vršila v Slovenskem društvenem domu v Euclidu in se bo pričela ob 7:30 zvečer.

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Jesenski koncert pevskega zbora "Jadran" v Clevelandu, O., se bo vršil v nedeljo 4. decembra v Slovenskem delavskem domu na Waterloo Rd.

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Slovenska mladinska šola S. N. Doma v Clevelandu, O., vprizori mladinsko predstavo v nedeljo 18. decembra. Vršila se bo v avditoriju S. N. Doma na St. Clair Ave.

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Premenil je v Clevelandu, O., mnogim poznani rojak Jakob Križman, po rodu iz Ribnice, star 70 let. Bil je navdušen pevec in poznan kot jako družaben in aktiven mož vse do zadnjih par let, ko ga je začela nadlegovati bolezen. Zapušča dva sina: Emerya, ki je gostilničar, in Josepha, ki je odvetnik.

Dalje je umrl v Clevelandu rojak Joseph Lozar, star 62 let, po rodu od Sv. Križa pri Kostanjevici. V Ameriki je bival 36 let. Zapušča soprogo, sina in več drugih sorodnikov.

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Opera "Hubička" je bila v nedeljo 6. novembra zelo lepo in dovršeno podana po samostojnemu pevskemu zboru "Zarja" v Clevelandu. Izvajanje, kostumi in prijetno mehke melodije, vse se je zlilo v ugajajočo celoto. Poset prireditve je bil dober. Videli smo posetnike celo iz Bridgeporta, Ohio, iz Pittsburgha in od drugod. Po prireditvi se je v gostilniški dvorani S. N. Doma razvila prav razigrana prosta zabava, kjer so pevci "Zarje" neoficielno zapeli več narodnih pesmi. Zatem se je s par češkimi popevkami oglasila skupina navzočih Čehov, katere je občinstvo nagradilo z navdušenim aplavzom.

KONJSKA PROSLAVA

V New Yorku se je nedavno vršila zanimiva proslava rojstnega dne. Junakinja proslave je bila Anna, bela kobila, ki je obhajala svoj 36. rojstni dan. Seveda Anna ni navadna kobila, ampak ima za seboj odlično umetniško kariero. V Metropolitan gledališču je nastopala v operi Aida skoro 25 let. Pred tem je nastopala tudi v filmih, posebno izrazito v filmu "Ben Hur" in v filmu "Šejk." Proslavo rojstnega dne Anne je aranžiral milijonar Hertz, predsednik kluba "Pegasus," kateremu pripadajo ljubitelji konj. Na party je bilo povabljenih še 15 proletarskih konj in kobil in ena mula. Vsi okopitani udeleženci "birthday party" so dobili lepe nove klobuke z luknjami za ušesa in postreženi so bili s korenjem in razno zelenjavo, končno pa je bil med nje razdeljen tudi "birthday cake." Najbolj postavila se je Anna, na katere klobuku je vihralo nojevo pero. Drugo nagrado, usnjato vrečo za oves, je dobila proletarska kobila Tootsi, ki že 15 let prevaža voz s kislimi kumaricami po Bronxu.

LASTNOROČNI PODPIS

Znanstveniki trdijo, da nista niti dve osebi na svetu v vseh ozirih enaki, in to skoro gotovo velja tudi glede pisave ali podpisov. Niti dve osebi nimata popolnoma enake pisave, kljub temu, da se velike skupine otrok v šolah učijo pisati posamezne črke in besede na enak način. V pisavi ali podpisu je vsled tega nekaj osebnosti pisca. Pisavo koga drugega je vsled tega tako težko ponarediti, kakor je težko ponarediti bankovce. Dobijo se sicer posamezni eksperti, ki znajo zelo dobro ponarejati bankovce ali podpise, toda drugi eksperti znajo prav tako dobro take ponaredbe odkriti.

Lastnoročni podpis prizadete osebe se torej zahteva za vsak uradni dokument; brez tega ni veljaven. Tudi na vsako trgovsko ali prijateljsko pismo spada lastnoročni podpis. Pismo brez podpisa je cirkular, ki ga lahko sestavi in odpošlje kdor koli in v imenu kogar koli. Uradni papir te ali one firme si lahko eden ali drugi preskrbi, pismo se lahko napiše na pisalni stroj, ki ne izdaja pisca, toda vsebino potrdi šele pravi podpis.

Podpis na ček, ki ga izdamo, je le toliko vreden, kolikor gotovine imamo naložene na odgovarjajoči banki, oziroma kolikor gotovine ima tam tvrdka, katero po svojem uradnem stališču zastopamo. Ček, ki ga je kdo drugi izdal v našem imenu in ga podpisal z našim imenom, banka ne bo vnovčila, ker bo potom našega pravega podpisa, ki ga ima v arhivu, pronašla, da je podpis ponarejen. Trgovci, ki vnovčujejo čeke zaslužka svojim odjemalcem, so pazljivi, da jih vnovčujejo samo pravim lastnikom in takim, ki jih poznajo, ker so potem banki sami odgovorni, če so ga menjali nepravi osebi.

Iz podpisa se zamore v primeru potrebe dognati, če je pismo res poslala tista oseba, katere ime je navedeno. Uredništvo Nove Dobe, na primer, ne sme priobčiti nobenega dopisa, ki ni bil lastnoročno podpisan po dopisniku; tako določajo pravila. Podpis s pisalnim strojem ne zadostuje, ker tak podpis lahko vsak napravi v imenu drugega.

Lastnoročni podpis je na katerem koli dokumentu reprezentant pisca. Tak podpis nas napravi odgovorne za tisto, kar je nad podpisom navedeno. Zato bodimo vedno previdni, kadar se nam ponudi kakšna listina v podpis. Predno listino podpišemo, vselej vsebino pazno prečitajmo in bodimo gotovi, da jo razumemo. V neštetih slučajih so že preveč zaupljivi ljudje prišli v neljube zadrege in tudi v finančno škodo, ko so podpisali listine, katerih vsebine niso prečitali ali pa ne razumeli. Vselej pomnimo, da naš podpis reprezentira nas, naše dobro ime in včasih tudi naše premoženje. Pišimo in podpišimo le tisto, za kar lahko odgovarjamo kjerkoli.

Pisma brez podpisa so brez pomena; pisma, podpisana na pisalni stroj pa so kvečjemu cirkularji brez posebne osebne odgovornosti. Taki na stroj pisani ali v tiskarni natiskani cirkularji brez lastnoročnih podpisov pridejo v poštev le kot kakšna splošna navodila ali pojasnila.

Zadnja leta se je v tej deželi udomačila navada razpošiljanja božičnih voščilnih kartic s tiskanim imenom pošiljatelja.

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ODMEVI IZ RODNIH KRAJEV

DOLENJSKA LETINA

V splošnem je letošnja letina na Dolenjskem slaba, vendar nekoliko boljša od lanske. Živinske krme je malo, koruza in krompir sta tudi slabo obrodila, sadja pa ni bilo skoro nič, ker ga je uničil aprilski mraz. Dobro pa so obrodila skoro vsa ozimna žita. Trgatev se je izvršila v lepem vremenu in je zadovoljiva po količini in kakovosti, kjer ni vinogradov oklestila toča. Vinu se obeta ugodna cena.

NOVA PROGA

Gradbena dela nove železniške proge Št. Janž-Sevnica, ki bo podaljšek železniške proge Trebnje-Št. Janž na Dolenjskem, se bližajo dovršitvi. Nova železnica, ki bo za velik del Dolenjske znatnega pomena, bo slovesno otvorjena 1. decembra.

JAVNA DELA

Za pasivne kraje, to je take, ki so bili prizadeti zaradi suše in elementarnih nezgod, je dosedaj vsako leto vlada odobravala kredite za nakup živil, navadno koruze. Ta živila so se razdelila med najbolj potrebne. Izkušnje pa so pokazale, da ta način pomoči ni praktičen, zato je finančno ministrstvo izdalo pravilnik za javna dela v pasivnih krajih. Ta javna dela bodo v glavnem omejena na gradnje cest in najemati se bodo smeli le revni ljudje prizadetih krajev. Bo torej nekaj sličnega kot naša ameriška WPA. Največja razlika bo v plači, kajti v Jugoslaviji mezda za običajnega delavca pri javnih delih ne bo smela presegati 2 dinarja na uro.

BOLJŠI KOSTANJ

Po nekaterih krajih Slovenije, kjer kostanj uspeva, so po priporočilu strokovnjakov začeli pred dobrimi desetimi leti požlahtnjevati domači kostanj z laškim maronijem, ki rodi mnogo lepši in debelejši sad kot domači divji kostanj. Napredni gospodarji imajo danes od tega že lepe dohodke. Precepljevanje domačega kostanja s plemenitim maronijem se širi z vsakim letom.

DRAGA HAJDUŠKA GLAVA

V okolici Homolja v stari Srbiji se je zadnje čase zadrževal prosluli hajduk Pavle Dokić, na glavo katerega je bilo razpisanih 130,000 dinarjev nagrade. Sredi oktobra pa je ta glava padla po zaslugi 16-letne Natalije Srtanović. Kako se je tragedija odigrala, ni natančno ugotovljeno, vendar sodi se, da je Dokić vlomil v bajto, v kateri je bila deklica sama, in ji hotel storiti silo. Natalija pa se je postavila v bran z nožem in ga šestkrat ranila. Hajduk ji je nož izvil iz rok, jo ranil do smrti, potem pa sebi prestrelil glavo. Kdo bo dobil razpisano nagrado, se ne ve; nekateri menijo, da bo izplačana revnemu očetu umorjene Natalije.

DOLGO SPANJE

V vasi Budjaku pri Banjaluki je šestletni sin kmeta Lastre spal neprestano 32 dni in zdravnikom se ni posrečilo, da bi ga zbudili in pojasnili vzroke njegove bolezni. Otroka so roditelji po navodilu zdravnikov redili na umeten način z mlekom. Zdaj, ko je prespal 32 dni, pa so dečka našli v postelji mrtvega.

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VSAK PO SVOJE

Vsakokratne narodne volitve v tej republiki "padejo" v prvi del tako zvanega indijanskega poletja. To velja tudi za zaključni del volilnega cirkusa, ki se imenuje volilna kampanja. Letošnje indijansko poletje je bilo v državi Ohio vse dosedaj v splošnem lepo in gorko, kar je bila velika ugodnost za tisočere kandidate, ki so v polni bojni opravi in z nabrušenimi tomahavki ter z veliko ihto galopirali po tej lepi deželi in rjoveli kot Indijanci.

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Na volilni dan pa je, kot po navadi, zavladala velika tihota. Ta dan je bil določen volilcem, da izrečejo svojo sodbo o velikem predvolilnem bojnem plesu in da izberejo zmagovalce. Dostojanstveno, kakor se za svobodne državljane svobodne republike spodobi, so oddali svoje glasovnice, na večer pa so se v javnih prostorih ali v svojih domovih zbrali okoli radio aparatov, da izvedo prve rezultate. Poročila, ki se še vsa vroča vsipljejo iz radio aparatov, so za volilce zaželjeni volilni likof.

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Dan po volitvah je za kandidate vernih in nevernih duš dan. Nekateri verujejo v inteligenco volilcev, drugi pa so razočarani nad njo. Poraženi kandidati se sramežljivo dvigajo iz jarkov, kamor so jih obsodili volilci, si otepajo z obleke kampanjski prah in se poizgubijo po svojih wigwamih, da prespijo mačka. Izvoljenci pa na tihem hvalijo svojo odličnost in razsodnost cenjenih volilcev.

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Tekom volilne kampanje se izreče marsikatera obdolžitev in marsikatera obljuba. In, če bi bilo polovico obdolžitev resničnih, bi bila dežela že davno pod psom, če pa bi se polovica obljub uresničila, bi se po 3. januarju začela nebesa v Ameriki. Sreča za nas, da je v glavnem brez podlage prvo, in škoda, da se ne bo uresničilo drugo.

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Ako tako zvani državniki v deželah z diktaturo poslušajo naše kampanjske govore in če verjamejo kampanjskim jeremijadam v našem časopisju, morda zmajujejo z glavami, češ, vsa velika republika Zedinjenih držav se bo ob prvem sunku zdrobila na kose. K sreči je tako domnevanje brez podlage. Volilni boj je naš privratni družinski prepir. V primeru pa, da bi se za to deželo res pojavila kaka nevarnost iz inozemstva, bo nastopil ves 130-milijonski narod kot en mož. Pri obrambi ameriške svobode in neodvisnosti splahnejo v nič vse strankarske strasti. Amerika sama je velika vera, vera v svobodo, in v tej veri je njena moč.

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Ko je nedavno stopila v veljavo federalna postava o minimalnih plačah, so nekateri lastniki luščilnic orehov v Texasu ustavili obrat, češ, da ne morejo svojim delavcem plačevati po 25 centov na uro. V zvezi s tem se je izvedelo, da so v tistih delavnicah nekateri luščilci orehov zaslužili samo po 8 centov na uro. Industrija, ki v tej bogati deželi ne more svojim delavcem plačati več kot 8 centov na uro, naj kar gre po gobe. Orehove potice iz takih skebskih razmer bomo drage volje pogrešali.

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MLADINSKI ODDELEK -- JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

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STEKLENA PRINCESKA

(ČESKA PRAVLJICA)

Po livadah in poljanah so cvetele jesenske rožice in marljive čebelice so veselo brenčale, kakor da bi se učile novih pesmic. Takrat je korakal med polji reven steklarski vajenček. V vreči na rami je nosil orodje za pihanje stekla in je premišljeval, kje na svetu bi ujel nekoliko sreče.

Ko je zamišljen korakal rdečemu zahajajočemu soncu naproti, je zagledal na obronku polja na pol razpadlo hišico. Ponižno je potrkal, toda nihče se mu ni odzval, kajti v hišici ni bilo nikogar. V njej je bila le stara polomljena postelja ,ognjišče, miza in stol. "Gotovo je čakala ta hišica name!" si je dejal vajenček, vstopil je, odložil vrečo in si skuhal iz živil, ki jih je imel s seboj, preprosto juho. Nato se je utrujen zleknil na posteljo in mirno zaspal.

Drugega dne mu je okolica tako ugajala, da je sklenil nekoliko časa ostati. "Poskusiti hočem, ako znam še kaj svoje obrti!" je rekel sam pri sebi, naredil ogenj ,pristavil posodo s steklom, ga raztopil in pričel skozi dolgo cev pihati steklene umotvore. Krasen, slokonog jelen je nastajal pod njegovimi spretnimi rokami. Vajenčku se je naenkrat zazdelo, da ga nekdo opazuje. Obrnil se je hitro in je ugledal zunaj pred oknom malega, drobnega možica. Steklarček — ne bodi len — je skočil ven in pograbil malčka, ravno ko je hotel izginiti v neko luknjo v zemlji. Možic je praskal in grizel kakor divja mačka, toda steklarski vajenček ga je kmalu ukrotil, ga postavil v koči na mizo in mu rekel: "Poslušaj, človeček! Midva bi morala skleniti prijateljstvo! Pravijo, da podzemeljski ljudje prinašajo srečo. Povej mi, morda bi mi pa ti mogel pomagati in preskrbeti odjemalce za moje umotvorčke!" Pri teh besedah je pokazal steklar možičku steklenega jelena. Možiček je na široko odprl oči in je z jezikom oblizil steklo, nato mu je pa nežno rekel: "Ali si morda čarovnik? Tako lepe stvarce še nisem nikdar videl v svojem življenju! Poljska princeska, moja gospodarica, pa je dala postaviti to hišico iz same radovednosti, da bi prisluškovala ljudem! Tako rada se smeje vam, smešnim bitjem!"

"Kaj, nam ljudem se smeje tvoja princeska?" je ogorčeno vzkliknil vajenček. "No, le počakaj, če jo jaz enkrat ujamem, se ne bo več smejala!" Potem je vzel steklenega jelena, ga lepo zavil v mah in ga dal možicu. "Tako, sedaj pa odnesi to tvoji princeski in ji povej, da ji bom še kaj lepšega napravil, če bo nam ljudem dobra in prijazna."

Človeček je z jelenom izginil kakor blisk. Vajenec pa je pihal steklo naprej in je naredil še labuda, ki ga je postavil na okensko polico, da bi se ohladil. Ko ga je hotel pozneje spraviti, je še videl izginiti drobno ročico, ki je vlekla labuda v luknjo. "To ste mi pravi nepridipravi!" je zavpil steklarček, "kaj pa naj pokažem vaši princeski, če me pride obiskat?" Toda navzlic temu ni bil slabe volje in je delal naprej, dovršil je še krono iz stekla in stekleno zibelko. Te stvari je položil poleg postelje na stol in legel spat.

Vajenček pa ni zaspal . . . S polzaprtimi očmi je kmalu razločil, kako je vstopilo v sobo drobno bitje — poljska princeska. Dva podzemeljska možica sta jo spremljala in nosila pleteno košarico, ki sta jo na njen migljaj postavila poleg postelje. Mala lepotica si je pa nataknila stekleno krono na glavo in je zaplesala z drobnimi koraki po sobi. "Če bi mi mogel napraviti vsaj še obleko iz stekla!" je vzdihnila in izginila. Steklarčku pa ta njena želja ni šla iz glave. Pogledal je v košaro: kosčki belega kruha, surovo maslo in med so bili nakopičeni v njej. To darilo mu je poslala princeska kot plačilo za lepe steklene stvarce. Ko je vajenček dobro pozajtrkoval, je pričel zopet z delom. Napravil je nebroj majhnih steklenih ploščič in jih je sestavil v krasno stekleno oblačilce, katerega ploščice so pri vsakem dotiku nežno zvenkljale.

Ko se je znočilo, je položil stekleno oblačilo na mizo. Zopet je prišla poljska princeska in se je vsa vzradoščena oblekla v prozorno obleko. Tedaj je pokleknil steklarček pred srčkano kraljico poljan in ji ves navdušen rekel: "Draga, povej mi kaj hočeš; vse stvari, ki bi jih rada imela ,ti bom napravil iz stekla!"

"Dobro, potem mi pa napravi princa iz stekla, da ne bom vedno sama na livadah!" mu je odvrnila princeska.

"Toda, kaj boš s princem iz stekla? Bil bi vedno hladen in nepremičen! Raje si vzemi mene za tovariša. Čez dan bova tekala po poljih, zvečer ti bom pa tu pri ognju delal najbolj čudovite steklene umotvorčke!"

Tako je revni steklarček res dobil lepo poljsko princesko. In če gremo po livadah, vidimo včasih drobne nežne nitke na pisanih marjeticah. Tedaj vedite, da je blizu steklarski vajenček v svoji poljski hišici, kjer dela lepi princeski najlepše steklene umetnine in spusti včasih svetlo stekleno nitko, da jo veter odnese na zelene poljane . . .

Danilo Gorišek:

MATERINA DUŠA

Če ti umrla mati bo,
telo bo vzela ruša,
kot dih gorak pa pod nebo
zaplavala bo duša.

In če poznejše dni kedaj
gorak te dih objame,
to vedi, da s teboj tedaj
je duša tvoje mame!

THE QUILTING BEE

Mistress Maple, who was the fairy that lived in the big maple tree was whispering all day to Mistress Beech, who lived next door, or rather "next tree" to her. There were very tiny little creatures, so tiny, in fact, that Mr. Robin Redbreast was often kind enough to take them for rides on his little brown back through the bright sky.

Today, Mistress Maple sat on the tippiesttip of her maple tree and Mistress Beench sat on the tippiest tip of HER tree so that they could whisper across to each other without being overheard at all.

"Well, There Were Busy F...rs You May Be Sure."

"Mother Earth will soon be asking us to make a quilt for the flower children, I daresay," Mistress Maple was saying, "and really my leaves are getting to be as pretty as can be, quite the thing for a nice patchwork quilt."

"Mine are all turned yellow," Mistress Beech said, "they are ready, too."

"Everybody's are," Mistress Maple agreed. "Except of course, Mistress Evergreen's. What a shame it is that she can't follow the styles the way we do."

"Oh," Mistress Beech said, "You are quite mistaken there. Mistress Evergreen is ever so much more dressed up than we are in winter. She goes into the house and there are bright, shiney things put all over her, brighter and more full of color than Mistree Apples pretty fruit. And there are lights, too, bright as the moon on every branch of her. Mr. Ivy has told me. It all happens in the dead of winter when we are all fast asleep. He is so near the window he can easily peep in and see everything."

"It must be quite wonderful," Mistress Maple agreed. "But what do you say to a quilting party?"

"Why it would be wonderful!" Mistress Beech cried. "We can invite Mr. Oak and the Ashes, Mrs. Willow, oh everybody, I suppose."

"We will have to send out invitations," Mistress Beech put in. "We can write them on some of our leaves and Master Wind can take them about, he's always so obliging."

"That's splendid," said Mistress Maple. "Let's begin this minute. Let's send out invitations for tomorrow evening."

Well, after that they were very busy indeed and as there was so very many invitations to write Mr. and Mrs. Redbreast and their children turned to and helped using their bills to write with and lending quills to the two little fairy people. In the evening the letters were all ready and Mr. Wind, who had been about all day said he would take them around that very night. So by the next morning there were red and yellow invitations lying on everybody's doorstep.

In the afternoon Mrs. Squirrel and her family came to call on Misstress Maple. She had heard of the invitations and had come to ask if she might come too.

"We haven't any leaves to give," she said, "but we all of us thought that we could help with putting the patches together. Mrs. Rabbit, Miss Chipmunk, Mr. Mole and all their relations would like to help, too."

"That's so nice of you," Mistress Maple assured Mrs. Squirrel. "We'd be glad indeed to have you."

Just then Dame Cricket came up.

"I can't do so very much. I'm afraid," she said, "but I can piece the little leaves together for the smallest flower children. Madame Honeybee and the Ants want to help too."

Misstress Maple was glad to have them all and told Mistress Beech about it.

"Fine!" said Mistress Beech, "What a splendid Quilting Bee it will be." She didn't mean to make a pun.

By evening all the tree folk began to come and Master West Wind who had had his hands full all day called in Master North Wind, too, to help him bring the last patches for the Quilting Bee.

It made everybody shiver a bit to have the North Wind about, especially as Master Jack Frost decided to come down with him just to see what was doing.

"It's a good thing we started," Mistress Maple whispered to Mistress Beech.

"It certainly is," Mistress Beech whispered back. "And look how much redder your leaves have become, and look at mine."

Well, there were busy fingers you may be sure and as Master Ivy had come with a few leaves too, Mistress Maple got him to tell all about the way Mistress Evergreen looked when she changed her colors.

Master Oak's leaves were a lovely brown and dark red, Mistress Peach's were spotted. There were long slender leaves and shorter fat ones. Even the grasses came.

"The flower children have been so kind to us," they said, "They were always so bright and cheerful we want to do something for them."

"We all love them, I'm sure," said Madame Squirrel. So they chatted while they worked.

It was a beautiful quilt they made and because there were so many willing fingers the quilt was plenty big enough.

Mother Nature came to look at it and to thank the faithful little folk.

"It's beautiful," she said. "Quite the prettiest I've had in all my million years. I'm proud of all of you and I am especially happy because you have been so thoughtful and willing. It's a lovely surprise." So you see, Mother Nature, was quite like any other mother, because it made her happiest to see her children full of kind thoughts and deeds.

Well a day or so after the quilting party Mistress Maple put a blue nose out of a maple knothole, they're her windows and doors you know and can only be opened from the inside. She shivered at the cold air.

Mistress Beech looked out of a knothole in her tree. She was all shivery, too.

"How cold it is!" Mistress Maple cried. "The Redbreast family has gone, I see. Even their feathers weren't warm enough."

"And the Squirrel family have shut themselves up in the oak," Mistress Beech said. "I hear Master Oak is boarding with them. Mistress Chipmunk, I understand, is living in the Hickory tree."

"I wish I had a nice warm furry family in here with me," Mistress Maple sighed. "I'd warm my fingers and toes on them."

Just then Master Jack Frost came along.

"Hello, blue noses!" he cried. "You shan't be cold any longer. Mother Nature has just finished a snowy quilt for you that will pile up warm about your houses to keep out the chilling breezes. And the Redbreasts asked me to give you, if I saw you, a great heap of feathers they left in their nest for you. I'll fetch them now."

"Oh, isn't that fine!" Mistress Maple and Mistress Beech both exclaimed at once. "We can make lovely pillows."

Jack Frost brought the feathers and after the two little fairies had closed up the windows, he sealed them tight with his icy breath, so that through the long winter they would sleep warm and safe.

Off went Jack Frost, humming as he went, and this is the little song:

"We'll tuck 'em in both snug and warm
The summer creatures shall know no harm.
And when the ground lies cold and white,
Out will come each winter sprite."

Manica:

MORSKI SOM

Miček to junak je pravi,
v mlako kopat se poda.
Očka pa hladi se v travi,
gleda sinčka, se smehlja.

Dečko brca, maha, brodi —
imenitno se mu zdi.
Toda — joj — prav tik ob vodi
leže žaba, vanj strmi.

In kopalček žabo gleda,
strah pretrese mu kosti.
Čudno ni, saj — no seveda
žabe on še videl ni.

Kaj če ga posast naskoči,
zazlila in — ham, ham, ham!
Miček brž iz mlake skoči,
pade k očkovim nogam:

"Očka! Joj — ko bi ti vedel...
kopal jaz se več ne bom!"
"A zakaj?" — "I, ker pojedel
skoro bi me — morski som!"

POTATO NESTS WITH EGGS

When you have a cupful or two of mashed potatos left over try this dish for luncheon.

Grease muffin rings and put a spoonful of the cold mashed potato in each, making a hollow "well" in the center.

Drop an egg in each "well."

Put in a hot oven and bake until the eggs are set which will take about 12 minutes if the oven is right. Do not bake too long or the eggs will toughen.

Turn out on a hot platter and serve at once.

If preferred the nests may be made in ramikins in which case it will not be necessary to turn them out.

JOHNNY'S ORPHANS

I'm afraid," Johnny's father began anxiously, "that the house is too dark for him."

"It's dark and it's damp," said Johnny's mother, a worried little pucker between the brows.

"Well, there are too many trees around the house anyway. Suppose we get rid of that huge pine that cuts off all the light from the north-east corner?" he suggested.

Johnny's mother sighed. "It's a beautiful tree. But of course if it's a question of the tree or Johnny's health the tree must go, something has to be done."

Johnny was frail, delicate little boy who never seemed to care about playing ball, or duck-on-the-rock, or run-sheep-run, or any other of the vigorous games over which the other boys were enthusiastic. The doctor insisted that he be made to stay out-doors.

The next morning active plans were afoot for cutting down the pine. Johnny asked if he might go to see Ruth, the little girl across the street who owned a gorgeous, talkative parrot.

"Put on your jacket, dear, and you had better wear your rubbers. It looks as if it were going to rain," answered his mother. Johnny hated jacket and rubbers. It seemed to him sometimes that he always wore them. His mother brought them to him now and helped him put them on; so he had to wear them.

Outside the door he stopped curiously to watch the men with saws and ropes. Suddenly a flash of brilliant blue wings caught his eye. After a moment or two there was another pair of wings, more gray than blue, and a great deal of fluttering and cries of distress from both birds.

"Oh!" murmured Johnny, greatly disturbed, scrambling to his feet. "They're blue birds. They must have a nest in the pine."

"Oh, Johnny! Where Did You Get Them?"

"What, eh?" cried the big burly man from his branch in the tree, where he was trying to adjust a rope.

"I say is there a nest in the tree?" Johnny raised his voice lustily. The man looked up through the branches and for the first time noticed the frightened birds. "I reckon so, sonny," he shouted back cheerily.

"Oh, please be very careful not to hurt the nest," begged Johnny anxiously. But the big, burly man's answer wasn't very satisfactory. It sounded like a grunt.

After no end of shouting and rushing about the men were lowering the tree very carefully. At last it was down, and the poor stricken parent blue birds were watching helplessly from the top of a nearby oak.

The men had warned Johnny so many times not to come near the tree, that it was not until the big, good-natured man shouted to him, "Here're your birds, lad," that Johnny ran to where he stood.

And sure enough, in the bushy thickness of one of the top boughs was a nest, built so well that it had held securely against the tree's lowering, and snuggled frightenedly into the depths of the nest were four tiny blue birds with soft down beginning to come fuzzily all over them.

Very, very carefully Johnny lifted the nest and put it into his hat, and took the nest across the street to show Ruth. Ruth was standing talking to the saucy parrot as he came into the living room.

"Hello!" said Polly, the parrot. "Where's your hat?"

"Ruth, look!" breathed Johnny excitedly, just glancing at Polly. Ruth looked and gave a little gasp of delight, "Oh—oh! Johnny, where did you get them?"

"They were in the big pine. It's been cut down," explained Johnny.

"They're hungry," declared Ruth, touching one of the downy darlings with a tender finger.

"They're hungry! They're hungry!" shrilled Polly from her perch. And indeed every little bill was opened wide for breakfast.

"We'll have to feed 'em worms and bugs and things, Johnny," said Ruth.

"Worms and bugs and things!" shrieked Polly, "Polly wants a cracker. Where are their hats?"

"Shut up, Polly," said Polly's mistress rudely, but she had to laugh.

"Poor Polly!" wept the parrot. Johnny grinned and moved toward the door. "Goodbye, boy," shouted Polly gaily. "Where's your hat?"

Ruth and Johnny found a place for the baby birds beneath the eaves of a side porch. They were devoted foster parents, digging bugs and worms for them each day, and the babies thrived. The new work kept Johnny out doors so much that in a month he was like another boy, and grew steadily browner and sturdier and stronger. It was not long before he enjoyed the games with the boys now and soon became a leader among them.

THE HOT FOOTERS

"Hello!" cried Jim Bradley, who was the leader and president of the Hot Foot Club. "Here's an auto in the woods near French's house."

"That's queer!" exclaimed Henry Smith, peering through the bushes. "The Frenches haven't even opened their house this summer."

" 'Tisn't their car anyway," said Donald Price, another Hot Footer.

Helen Bradley and the Rawlins twins, Beth and Sally, came up and peered at the auto, too. The six each carried a stout staff and a small knapsack, for the Hot Foot Club was on its weekly exploring expedition and had brought "eats" along.

"I wonder what it is piled up in the car," said Helen.

There was a large mound of something in the back of the car covered with burlap.

"We oughtn't to meddle maybe," said Beth.

The French place was well known to all of them as Mr. French was their particular friend and had invited the Hot Footers to come as often as they chose to picnic in the beautiful woods surrounding the fine old house.

They Saw A Man Climbing Out Of The Pantry Window

"Let's snoop around," suggested Jim. "We'll see how quickly we can stalk the house. Come on now. Single file!"

"But it's a quarter of a mile from the road and four miles from town," said Sally, and s'pose there were burglars what should we do?"

This remark made Jim look sober.

"Say!" Henry cried suddenly. "S'pose that was loot they had in the car. I'm going to look!"

They climbed on to the running board of the car and removed the burlap covering from the suspicious looking freight.

What was their surprise on seeing, when the burlap was pulled back, a strange collection of things, some of which they recognized as belonging to the Frenches.

"There the big vase that stood on the living room shelf," cried Betty.

"And the rug from the study—"

"And clothes and the small mahogany table—"

"Still, argued Jim, "this may all be very well. Perhaps the Frenches asked some friends to take out these things for them, or perhaps they're lending them to somebody. I think we ought to scout around to the house and see if things look right there."

"But if they were burglars what would we do?" Sally asked again.

"Well, one thing is sure. They'd run for this car and get away, said Donald. "There's no license number on the back."

"Now, first of all," said Jim, "we must hold a council and decide what's best to be done. Come here behind this old stone wall."

The stone wall was a little distance from the car, but the plotters could watch it through the bushes. There they all sat and made their plan. First they decided to divide into three groups of two each. One group should go forward to the house and investigate; one should stay near the car; the third was to go to the road and be ready to run for help to the nearest police box, from which they could telephone for help. The first group, if they found anything suspicious at the house, was to give a signal—Jim had a police whistle for this purpose. As soon as the signal sounded the second group was to puncture the tires so that the burglars could not get away. And the third group was to race for the police box.

Jim and Helen voluntcered to be the scouting party; Sally and Donald agreed to stay by the car and Betty and Henry both noted for their running powers, said they would go to the road and stand ready to spread the alarm.

"Then here goes," said Jim, setting his old grey felt hat on his head in a determined way. "Good luck to you all!"

He set off towards the house with Helen close behind him, and as they drew their motions became stealthy. It was well ,for as they came in sight of their destination they saw a man climbing out of the pantry window. Two others followed him and they all carried guns."

"That's enough!" whispered Jim, and drawing out his whistle he blew a blast that could have been heard for miles.

"Now we'll have to run!" said Helen.

Jim first placed his old felt hat on his staff and put it where it could be seen just above the big grey boulder behind the Frenches' house. "That might delay them," he whispered. "They'll think some one is hiding here."

They then ran off as fast as they could.

"Hey there!" cried a gruff voice, "Stop or I'll shoot."

A fourth man stepped out of some bushes and blocked their way. "What are you doing here, eh?"

"Just playing," replied Jim.

The man looked from one to the other as if he could not make up his mind what to do. Just then there was a loud report. It sounded like a large gun going off. The man started guiltily. Then seizing Jim roughly by the collar and Helen by the arm he began pushing them towards the house. There was another shot, another and another. The man let go of the children and ran in the direction of the car hidden in the woods. Jim and Helen made for the road as fast as they could.

"Hist, there!" a familiar voice hailed them. It was Donald with Sally close behind him. "Did you hear those bangs? We punctured all four tires and broke all the wires we could reach. It will take a day to get her going again!"

This was evidently discovered by the burglars who were obliged to leave their loot and run away as fast as they could and when the police arrived there was nothing to do but to put the stolen things back into the house and then to go scouting for the robbers.

"Say!" cried Mr. French when he heard of what happened, "I'm for the brave and merry Hot footers every time. I surely owe a lot to them."

And he was not slow in repaying the Club for soon workmen arrived and put up a neat little clubhouse in the woods by the brook, and over the door was a sign reading:

THE HOT FOOT CLUB

and there the six spent may a happy hour.

ČUDNA RASTLINA

V šoli je učitelj priporočal učencem, naj se ukvarjajo z vrtnarijo in naj potem v šoli poročajo o svojih uspehih. Mali Tonček je pripovedoval, da je postavil dva zaboja zemlje na okno, ker doma nima vrta. V en zaboj je zasadil solato, v drugega pa špinačo.

"Nu," ga je vprašal učitelj, "in kaj se je najprej pokazalo?"

"Najprej se je pokazal stražnik," je žalostno povedal Tonček, "in rekel, da moram odstraniti zaboja, da ne padeta komu na glavo."

Lojze Zupanc:

KAZNOVANI TAT

Bogat mlinar je imel tri hčerke in tatinskega hlapca. Hlapec, ki je bil pravcati požeruh, je često ukradel iz kokošnjih gnezd jajca ter si jih naskrivoma kuhal. Ko je nekoč spet ukradel tri jajca ter si jih v kuhinji naskrivaj kuhal, je pritekla v kuhinjo najstarejša mlinarjeva hčerka, se ustopila pred ognjišče in vprašala:

"Kaj kuhaš, hlapec?"

"Tri jajčka," je odgovoril. "Huda lakot me ima v pesteh, pa sem si jesti zaželel."

"Pa kje si dobil jajčka?" ga vpraša najstarejša mlinarjeva hčerka.

"V skednju na kokošjem gnezdu . . ." je zajecljal hlapec.

"Aha, torej si jih ukradel!" je vzkliknila najstarejša hčerka.

"Če nikomur ne poveš, pa ti dam eno jajce," je zaprosil hlapec. Dekle je privolilo. Vzela je jajce iz posode in odšla.

Takoj za njo pa pride v kuhinjo druga mlinarjeva hčerka.

"Hlapec, kaj počenjaš?" je vprašala.

"Dve jajčki sem si zaželel, ker sem lačen," je odvrnil.

"Si jajčka že spet ukradel iz gnezda!" mu je zapretila druga mlinarjeva hčerka. "Le počakaj, očetu te zatožim!"

"Če nikomur ne poveš, pa ti dam eno jajce," je zaprosil hlapec. Dekle je obljubilo, vzelo jajce in odšlo iz kuhinje.

Toda komaj je odšla, se je odnekod pripodila v kuhinjo tretja, najmlajša mlinarjeva hčerka. Radovedno je pogledala v posodo na ognjišču, kjer je v vreli vodi plavalo samo še eno jajce.

"Aha!" je vzkliknila z otročjim glasom. "Jajcek si kuhas! Mama pa zmelom lece, da najbize dihul jajcka klade, ko jih pa nikoli ni v kokosjem gnezdu. Aha, ti si tisti dihul! Le pocakaj, mami glem povedat . . ."

"Če nikomur ne poveš," je zaprosil hlapec, "pa ti dam jajček."

Dekletce je vzelo jajček in odšlo. Tako je hlapec ostal brez vsega. Žalostno je bulil v prazno posodo na ognjišču in na jok mu je šlo . . .

Tisti čas se prikaže na kuhinjskem pragu sam mlinar. Gromko se je pričel smejati, da se mu je tresel ogromni trebuh. Potlej pa spregovori:

"Kadar boš lačen, gospodinji povej, pa ti bo dala jedače. Da bi pa sam kradel iz kokošjega gnezda, tega ne trpim. Tatu nočem v hiši. Poberi se!"

Skesani hlapec pa prične prositi in prositi, naj ga mlinar še zanaprej obdrži v službi.

"Dobro," reče mlinar. Potlej skoči k hlapcu in mu prisoli tri krepke zaušnice — za vsako jajce eno! "Tako," je rekel. "Če nikomur ne poveš, da plačujem za vsako ukradeno jejce po eno zaušnico, potlej le še ostani. Seveda, če se boš spametoval . . ."

Hlapec obljubi in ostane še zanaprej v mlinu.

Jajc pa poslej ni več kradel! — — —

Manica:

MALA PRAVDARČKA

Na šolskem vrtu obira učitelj zrelo sadje. Pri tem zapazi Tinčka in Tončka, ki poželjivo kukata skozi ograjo na lepe in debele sadove. Dobri učitelj brž vzame iz košare pet hrušk, jih vrže čez ograjo in zakliče:

"Tu imata, pa si lepo razdelita!"

Fantiča vsa vesela pobereta sadje in gredoč proti domu pretehtavata in ugibata, kako bi delila. Nobeden noče biti prikrajšan.

"Hrušk je pet", modruje Tinček. "Če vzameva prav natančno, dobiva vsak po dve, eno pa si morava razpolovičiti. Toda kako, ko nimava noža. Napraviva takole! Naj imam jaz tri hruške. Starejši sem in spodobi se tako!"

"Ne boš me oplahtal," zaropoče Tonček. "Če si ti starejši, sem pa jaz večji od tebe in sem vse bolj upravičen do treh hrušk nego ti!"

Morda bi si bila vročekrvneža celo skočila v lase, da jima ni prav tisti čas priživžgal naproti hlapec Andrejče. Na mah sta oba edina v tem, naj jima ta razsodi, ker je velik in gotovo tudi pameten.

Ko potem hlapca ustavita in mu razložita, za kaj gre, veli Andrejče:

"Dajta hruške meni!"

Fanta mu izročita hruške. Andrejče vrne eno Tinčku, eno pa Tončku:

"Tako! Zdaj imata oba enako. Ostale tri pa dobim jaz. Zaslužil sem jih kot razsodnik!"

To rekši stisne hruške v žep in jo krohotaje odkuri.

Fantička, polna svete jeze, bi bila najrajši nesramneža raztrgala na kosce, toda kaj, ko je pa tako velik in močan. Vsa nesrečna in obupana se spustita v tako glasen jok, da Požarjev dedek, ki tisti hip prikrevsa s polja na cesto, ves v skrbi izprašuje, kaj za božjo voljo se jima je pripetilo.

Otroka dedku hlipajoč izpovesta vse po pravici in resnici.

"Trapčka hentana, pravdarčka mala, he, he", ju med smehom pokara dedek, "sama sta kriva. Mar bi si bila prijateljsko razdelila! Ker pa sta iskala pravice pri tretjem, si je tretji to tudi grdo izkoristil. O, naj bi vaju ta doživljaj izučil ne le za sedaj, nego tudi za poznejše življenje. Otroka, zapomnita besede starca:

Živita v prijateljstvu, v miru in potrpljenju! Izogibajta se vseh prepirov in pravd. Vsaka pravda greni življenje in izpodjeda premoženje. Današnji slučaj vama naj ostane trajno v spomin, da — kjer se prepirata dva, se tretji krohota!"

MLADINSKI DOPISI

Contributions From Our Junior Members

STRABANE, PA.

EAR EDITOR:

This is my first letter to the Nova oba. I belong to lodge No. 149, SSCU which my father is the recording retary. I am 13 years old and in the inth grade. I have five teachers and joy school very much.

I wish more members from Strabane uld write to the Nova Doba. It seems e Hedvi Sterle is the only one writing m Strabane. Say! what happened to ronica Barbish! I don't see her letters the Nova Doba anymore. Let's see ur letter in next month's juvenile section.

Autumn days are flying fast. The aves are of many different colors. Armistice Day is just around the corner. e Thanksgiving Day with turkey and its decorations soon will be here. I sh all juveniles a happy Thanksgiving ay.

I enjoy reading letters, stories and ems published in the Nova Doba. In ing this letter, I am asking for some pals.

Frances Zele
Box 183, Strabane, Pa.

CONEMAUGH, PA.

EAR EDITOR:

This is my farewell letter to the Nova oba for I shall soon be sixteen years d. However, I will continue to read the teresting letters written by the juiles.

This week marks the end of our high hool's football season. It was very successful for we won six games out of ht. There are very good indications at we will win the Class B championip in this section. Enthusiasm for our hool and team runs very high here d every game brings a large turnout. e money received helps to buy the d and blue uniforms and other athic equipment the team requires.

Recently our Junior class held a party school to help raise funds the class d need to carry on various activities ring the year. Dancing was the chief ature of the party which was well atended. Most of us Juniors are learning e newest steps in dancing to be in adiness for their first big social event. is is the Junior Prom held some time May. It is a dignified affair; every nior and Senior coming in formal ess and with their best manners. We niors are also planning to have an nateur Contest in our school audiium. We hope to make it as successas our party.

I will close now with best regards to e editor and the juveniles.

Dorothy Brezavec (Age: 15)
No. 36, SSCU

ELY, MINNESOTA

EAR EDITOR:

I wish to thank you for the dollar eck which I received last month. It s a very big surprise. Boy, did it ever me in handy. My aim is to write more ters and get more dollar checks. Here a fairy tale which I have composed.

DANCING EVENING SHADOWS

"Let's have an afternoon ball for aange," the fairies shouted. And the iry Queen waved her magis wand, d said, "The ball will be this very ernoon, so hurry and make ready." The fairies ran and flew this way d that, and old Mr. Giant came ong, having heard the sound of many ices, and asked if there was anything him to do.

"To be sure," the Fairy Queen said. ou blow on your great and powerful mpet the call of the fairies, and for ose you cannot reach by the call of e trumpet, ask the robins if they'll ce the messages for us. We want all usual friends, the elves, gnomes, wnies, goblins and boggey family d of course old Witty Witch."

"Fine," said Mr. Giant, "I'll attend the invitations at once."

So he went, walking almost a mile minute!

It was afternoon, and the fairies were ready for their guests.

Mr. Sun was peeping through the tall es and telling secrets to the trees d the ferns and the mossy ground ich made them sparkle and laugh.

The shadows had come too, and they re already dancing with Mr. Sun's ldren, the Rays.

The Fairy Queen was dressed like a red sun and the little fairies looked e tiny golden suns. They wore the t dazzling and sparkling costumes er seen in Fairyland, and that is ying a great deal.

Soon all the guests arrived. The omes wore beautiful moss green suits, th hats of bright orange velvet, very with a tassel on top of each hat.

The elves wore dresses made of wild es. The boggey family wore dresses moss-trimmed with forget-me-nots, d old Witty Witch wore a new frock daisies, with a tall hat made out of tercups.

Of course the Fairy Queen was deited with all the costumes, as well e might be, and all the guests thought fairies were quite too wonderful for rds.

Soon after the birds came to help the sic, and though they were wearing ir usual suits that had been smoothed washed and brushed and looked y handsome indeed.

"We didn't change our suits," Mr. odpecker said, "as we were practic all morning to play the drums on trees around.

"We didn't change our suits as we e practicing our songs," said the bles, who were so brilliantly dressed yway that they really need not have de any excuse.

"Then too," added the robins, "we ldn't have changed our suits if we d wished to do so."

All the birds burst into song then, singing:

The dear little robins so truthful and dear,
We're so very glad that you have come here,
You add with your voices, you add with your charm,
And will take good care that you'll ne'er come to harm.

The robins were much pleased with the song, but they didn't want to have all the attention, so they sang this song:

When the Fairy Queen gives a ball,
It's for all, yes, it's for all.
Every one then has a chance,
To sing ,to chirp, to play, to dance.

So a cheer went up for the Fairy Queen and then the music began and every one danced all that wonderful summer afternoon in the sunlight and among the afternoon shadows.

And Fairy Ybal led the fairies' orchestra.

Never had such a lovely party been given.

The shadows were so fascinating, the lights through the trees were so beautiful and the costumes were so gay, while the music was really perfect.

Jennie Zupin (Age: 11)
No. 1, SSCU

CONEMAUGH, PA.

DEAR EDITOR:

Since this is my first letter to the Nova Doba, it is a bit hard for me to write. I am 11 years old and in the seventh grade in the Conemaugh Public school. I don't like school very well, for I would rather go out and play ball. I like both baseball and football, I have lots of fun playing with a group of boys.

I am proud that I am a member of the SSCU. My father is secretary of St. Aloysius lodge, No. 36, SSCU. My brother, Rob, who is 13 years old, was a delegate to the Juvenile convention last year. He had lots of fun while he was there, for he was telling me about the various things he was doing. He still recalls many interesting things he had seen. He said that a few things he saw came in "handy" for some of his work in school. He is a freshman in the Conemaugh High school. I am going to try and write a letter every month for our page.

Thomas E. Turk.

ELY, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

It is a long time since I last wrote to the Nova Doba. Hallowe'en was on October 31st and many of the lower grades held parties in the schoolrooms. I hope you had a good time on that night. I am submitting a story entitled: What the seagull learned.

The tide had turned. Sparkling in the sun the waves were playfully coming up the sloping shore. There was little wind and the waves were very small indeed. They ran up the beach and then they ran back and every time, although you would not notice it unless you watched very carefully, they went up a tiny bit farther and did not go back quite so far.

Some children had been playing on the beach that morning, and before they went home to lunch they had heaped up a big pile of sand. When the waves saw this ahead of them they felt discouraged. It did not seem as if they could ever get around or over so huge a sand heap. But they knew it was their duty to keep trying, so up the beach they ran and back, and up again, over and over.

A seagull flew by, close over the tops of the waves. He was a young gull and not very wise, so when he saw the tiny waves lapping at the base of the pile of sand he laughed and said, "foolish little waves, you had better give up trying to climb that mountain".

But the waves paid no attention to this advice. Over and over they made their runs up and down the beach, and if you had been watching you would have seen slowly but surely the big sand heap disappearing.

An hour or so later, the young seagull flew by that way again. He thought he would see if the foolish waves had given up trying to climb the mountain that was far too high for them to ever think of getting over. But when he reached that part of the beach, he was so surprised that he almost forgot to flap his wings.

There was no mountain there. The seagull looked all around. Had he made a mistake in the place? No, he knew well that sheltered bit of shore just south of the big ledge of white rocks. There was no mistake, the mountain had gone. The waves had climbed right over it and covered it up.

"Well," said the young seagull to himself, "that just goes to show what keeping at a thing will do. Surely, I'm as smart as a wave. After this I'm not going to give up trying to do a thing just because it seems hard." And before he flew off, he dipped down close to the tops of the tiny waves to tell them how sorry he was that he had called them foolish.

And the waves sparkled in the sun and murmured to each other as they ran gently up and down the sloping shore.

Mary Zupin (Age: 12)
No. 1, SSCU.

ELY, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

The world is made up of two classes of people — lifters and leaners. Lifters are the builders, the trail blazers, and initiators, the strong, the never-say-die sort. The others are just simply the leaners.

In a greater or lesser degree, every man and woman belongs to one of these classes. In a greater or lesser degree you are drifting one way or another. Think for a moment. Where do you stand?

Work out a plan, but first get on a plan. As you lead, others are bound to follow. Example is inspiration. Inspiration is achievement — pictured out.

LIFE

Life is a great investment
And no man lives in vain,
Who guards a hundred friendships
As a miser guards his gain.

So give the world a welcome,
Each day, what ever it sends,
And may no mortgage ever foreclose
The partnership of friends.

Annie Zupin (Age: 14)
No. 1, SSCU
Box 162, Ely, Minn.

PITTSBURGH, PA.

DEAR EDITOR AND READERS:

I am writing to express my thanks for the dollar I received for last month's article. I was very glad to get it.

Well, since Thanksgiving is just around the corner I think I'll tell you a little about it. The story of the events leading up to that first day of thanks is worth repeating. The Pilgrims had come across the sea to form a new home in the wilderness, because of religious persecution in the home land. For some strange reason they had made the voyage at the approach of winter; and they landed at Plymouth Rock, in what was later Massachusetts, December 21, 1620. There were one hundred and two in the little company, when the "Mayflower" cast anchor off Cape Cod, and their voyage had taken ten times as long as our modern ships require. They now faced a bleak coast, with no shelter of any sort against the coming storms, except such as they could hastily build. While the women and children remained on shipboard, the men built a community house.

During the first hard, heroic year on the edge of the ocean, backed by a wilderness in which lived red men and wild beasts, their foothold was uncertain. Nearly half of the company perished during the winter; but when the springtime came the rest set themselves to work to clear the land. They made friends with the Indians who taught them how to fertilize the soil. They also planted barley and peas, and found an abundance of fruits and berries; so that when the next winter drew near, the Pilgrims found themselves in far better circumstances. A plenteous harvest had been gathered in, they had built themselves substantial houses; they had learned how to adapt themselves to the new manner of living; and so they faced the future with lighter hearts. They resolved to prepare a great feast of Thanksgiving, and invite to it their Indian friends who had helped to make all this possible. And, from that time on, we set aside one day each year to thank God for all we have.

The concert held by our Junior Singing Society of Pittsburgh on October 23, 1938 was a success. We were very fortunate to have Mr. Anton Zbasnik of Minnesota, supreme secretary of SSCU speak. His speech was very interesting and everyone eagerly listened to it. Mrs. May, the teacher of our singing club, had charge of the program. And, we all want to thank her for her splendid work. Singing societies of West Newton, Library, Strabane and Pittsburgh were the outstanding features of the program and we hope they will appear in Pittsburgh again soon. We, the committee of Junior Prešeren, wish to thank all who took part in the program and hope all of them will be with us again.

I hope all my friends who read the juvenile section will have a pleasant Thanksgiving.

Elsie Klun (Age: 15)
N. 26, SSCU.

ELY, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR AND JUVENILES:

It is Saturday morning and the weather is just wonderful. Too nice to stay indoors. So far we were very fortunate in having such splendid fall weather.

For a change, I'll talk about the place where my home is situated. I live on 343 E. Sheridan St., right across from Joseph Kovach's grocery store. Bro. Kovach, as you know, obtained the most number of new members and ranked high in the 40th year anniversary campaign. His photograph appeared in the Nova Doba. He is a splendid, courteous business man. Kitty corner from my home lives Joseph Pishler. Every day I see him wheeling his cute little son Joey. Also near me lives Anton Zbasnik, supreme secretary and Joseph Mantel, first supreme vice president. Bro. Mantel has three very lovely daughters, Mary, Margaret and Rosaline.

The SSCU home office is located just two blocks from my home. Katherine Peshel also lives near me. Every morning I see Katherine, Mary Mantel and others from the home office, going to work.

Some of my girl friends and I are going to hold a Hallowe'en party in the community center. And won't we have fun. I hope all you boys and girls have fun on Hallowe'en.

Talking about supreme officers, I forgot to mention Rose Svetich, supreme judiciary and Louis Champa, supreme treasurer, both of whom are my neighbors also. Another one of my neighbors is Steve Banovetz Sr., one of the very first organizers of the SSCU.

Florence Dorothy Startz (Age: 13)
No. 129, SSCU

EUCLID, OHIO

DEAR EDITOR AND READERS:

Hello juveniles here, there and everywhere. This is your scribbling pal coming to you in black and white again. By the way, how's the world treating all you folks out yonder, by now?

Good old school bells are ringing again, and for most of us this means homework, homework, and more homework. This happens to be my case and I'm sure the situation is much the same for you people, high-school students particularly.

This will be my senior year at Shore High and my only regret is that it shall end much too soon. I do not wish to impress the fact on your minds that I love going to school, but I do, however, want you to know that now I realize how much I have missed.

Although my schedule is well filled and the work is difficult at times, I can sense the real meaning behind the word "senior." It is a pleasant word, but it is also a word that informs one that soon he will enter the world, and he must make a decision that will mean much to him in future years. It is the time when one realizes the importance of his position in the world, along with that of the millions of other people.

This is also the time when one looks back on his former years and repents the foolishness displayed then. Here is where I enter in. Through my twelve years of school my abilities have been grade average and above, but never below. Still, I feel sorry for the time I looked over "Johnnie's" shoulder for an answer to the third question. Oh, it was correct and all that, but it's just the fact that I was "chiseling" on myself, and not on the teacher. Maybe it did raise my grade two points, but what I might have gained by missing that question would mean, perhaps, much more to me today.

Now, take yourself for instance, haven't you at one time or another looked over a "Johnnie's" shoulder for an answer you didn't know? Of course, we all have, and it's almost a natural thing to do. Natural, yes, but oh, how foolish. Ponder awhile and realize for yourself.

Now, please don't think I'm trying to be emphatic and give you a lecture you've heard over and over again. It is true ,this subject has been choosen by many writers and has been dealt with by many people. I'm just giving a point-of-view from a high school pupil's side.

Do consider this thing and take it in hand seriously. It will mean a lot of you people entering high-school, and are more or less new in the game. Try seeing the advantages you are offered, and grasp them with delight. Do not think that since you are a sophomore or a junior you can pile excuse upon excuse, but dig in and do all you work to the best of your ability. It will be a benefit to you and you alone, and when you look back upon your past it will be with satisfaction and delight.

To you who are seniors, may I say this: Your schooldays now are short and numbered, and in a short time they will be no more. Note your position on the path of life and observe how near the crossroads you now stand. When you reach them, you must choose. Your choice may mean success or failure, and your entire future life hangs by the thread of that one decision. You have only a short distance to cover before you reach the crossing, so take the matter in hand and thrash it out thoroughly. Have your mind made up and when you get there you will not have to stop and ponder but march straight through. Work with your greatest spirit and make the best and most of everything you can!

With sincere thanks for my latest award, I now leave you in hopes that I have not left a dramating feeling with you, but a subject you will all consider and try to work out to your greatest advantage.

Albena Nosse

ENUMCLAW, WASH.

DEAR EDITOR AND FELLOW JUVENILES:

Before rambling off in the general direction most juveniles are wont to ramble, I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the award I received last month. It surely came in handy what with school starting, and another football season rearing itself on the horizon. And speaking of football, I know that many juveniles are following the trail of the oval pigskin throughout the land. Last month, as most Minnesota fans undoubtedly know, the University of Washington went eastward and came back smarting at the short end of a 15-0 trouncing at the hands of those "dynamic" golden gophers. As the water would say, "Boy, those guys just got too much power!" Yep! methinks it will be years before the quality of football played by certain midwest colleges will be equalled on the Pacific Coast.

I read during the preceding month about the terrible disasters that have occurred on the Atlantic seaboard. Last week we happened to run into a lightning storm out here (incidentally, we only have one or two a year) that struck several houses near Enumclaw. We think this to be very unusual, and so it is indeed very difficult to imagine the great havoc wrought along the east coast. By the way, we experienced one of the driest seasons in history last summer—however, we still consider ourselves lucky. No dust storms—no floods—just a good old summer with plenty of heat.

Out here in the state of Washington our SSCU lodges have somewhat neglected the development of the athletic opportunities, which should be available to the younger generation. Of course the reasons are obvious. First of all athletic enterprises require a goodly sum of money, and then the facilities of fieldhouses, gymnasiums, and playfields to accommodate such sports as bowling, baseball ,etc. are very limited. However, we hope that in the future we can definitely bring about a brighter situation in that respect.

And so—until next time, best regards to everyone with a cheerful adios and bon jour, etc.

John Chacata (Age: 15)
No. 162, SSCU

PUEBLO, COLO.

DEAR EDITOR:

I think this is an appropriate time to write a letter; especially since it is chilly outside and nice and warm inside. And speaking of cold weather, I believe we will have only about half as cold weather as Minnesota usually endures. We still have warm weather in sight, for old man frost has not yet bitten our beautiful flowers.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are nearing. And soon skating will be in season, and we will have men, women and children enjoying this healthful exercise. We have a roller skating rink in town.

I read Little Stan's article and he seems very sure that Minnesota shall win from Pittsburgh. But I wouldn't be too sure about this game. But who knows, maybe it is Minnesota's year.

Our football team has won every game so far. Fine football weather has favored our team except the time we went to Colorado Springs when it rained all day. But we came out on top even then by a score of 27 to 7. Later in the evening we held a dance at the Minnequa University, with the football players and cheer-leaders in attendance.

Perhaps next time our supreme secretary visits Colorado he will stop in Pueblo also, and see a little of our sunshine too.

Theresa Rupar
No. 42, SSCU

TRINIDAD, COLORADO

DEAR EDITOR:

This is my first letter to the Nova Doba and as I am very fond of writing I have decided to start. Also, I am very fond of stamp collecting so I think I will write about it this time. Stamp collecting is sometimes described as "the king of hobbies, the hobby of kings." That is because so many world-famous men and women, including kings and presidents are stamp collectors. But "philately" as stamp collecting is sometimes called, is the most democratic of hobbies. It has a great appeal for men and women as well as boys and girls. People of all ages and occupations, in all walks of life, enjoy this fascinating hobby. Most collectors are always interested in the money value of stamps. Some stamps have some value and some stamps are actually worth fortunes. This is taken from my own opinion because I myself am a stamp collector. So I will close until next time.

Jennie Tomazin (Age: 11)
No. 84, SSCU

CHISHOLM, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

Since school has started I've been kept busy but not too busy to write to the Nova Doba. I've tried my luck at poetry which is dedicated to Stan. It's all in fun, so no hard feelings.

HALLOWE'EN

Just a warning—Hallowe'en's near
That's a time to greatly fear,
Witches ride their broomsticks tall,
Don't try it Stan you might fall.

Your little Ahs-Tin isn't quite right
To ride in on a Hallowe'en night,
After all it's only a car
Certainly it can't fly very far.

So take advice and stay home
The witches and goblins then will roam;
If they get Stan I greatly fear
The convention would fail the following year.

There is my contribution and I hope it makes the grade. Until next time I'll close wishing all the delegates luck and adious to the rest.

Dorothy Kotchevar

CHISHOLM, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

I live in Chisholm, where the summer climate has been mild. I felt fine all summer and attended the school garden they have here. I enrolled 3 months before vacation and took two gardens paying twenty cents to use two plots of land. If you have been successful thruout the garden year, you get a dime back at the end of the garden year. We go out three times a week with a school bus to water, pull weeds, and thin out plants. When the vegetables that we have planted are large enough, we may take them home. I planted tomatoes, cabbages, onions, beans, lettuce, turnips, beets, peas, radishes, carrots and cucumbers. They all came out very good.

At the end of the garden year we harvest and take our vegetables to a fair and win prizes. For two years already I have won many prizes but this year it was impossible to have a fair. This is my first letter to the Nova Doba and I hope some girl or boy will write to me. I am 14 years old.

Rose Yartz
No. 30, SSCU

CHISHOLM, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

Fall has come with its beautiful Indian summer, but all the fall's beautiful work is being destroyed by fire. Because of the lack of rain and the increasing heat, fires have easily started. Men have been called out from nearby towns and cities to help fight the fire which is on the road for destruction. Seven farms near here have already burned including the live stock. Two trucks loaded with WPA workers from Duluth have come to our aid. Men are working day and night making trenches but still the fire continues.

Time is flying fast and the time will come for the SSCU juvenile convention. I will work hard so that I may be able to go to it.

Hallowe'en is practically here and Christmas isn't so very far away, either.

I will be signing off from Chisholm now until the next time I write.

Goldie Miklaich
No. 150, SSCU

FARRELL, PA.

DEAR EDITOR:

Well, here I am again with the second part of my story. How did you like the first part? You remember last time the professor said he was going to remove David's brain and put it in a solution that would live forever. Here is the rest or part two.

INTO THE LAND BEYOND

The professor advanced with a hypodermic needle in his hand and plunged it quickly into David's arm. Even while David was succumbing to the drug, he mumbled savage threats to the professor.

There was a strange light in the room when David opened his eyes. He stared up at the ceiling for a moment and tried to figure out from where the light came. Finally a sudden thought came filtering through his hazy brains. The professor didn't carry out his plan after all.

He rubbed a hand over his eyes to clear away the clinging mists of the drug, when he suddenly noticed his hand. It was a huge, steel muscled hand, covered with black hair; the arm was massive and rock-like in its hardness.

Investigating further he saw heavy muscular legs protruding from a short dress-like garment in which he was clothed. David leaped from the tall table and ran toward a mirror which he noticed. He saw reflected there a total stranger, a giant of a man perfectly proportioned. His face was extremely handsome, but narrowed eyes and a thin mouth showed great cruelty. The hair was jet black and short. David suddenly realized that this was he. He whirled, looking over the room for the first time.

He was in a large laboratory, totally different from any he had ever seen. There was a group of men standing there watching him. They too, wore that strange garb. One of them advanced.

"Hail Tar, King of the males," said the man bowing low.

"I'm not Tar," shouted David, "What are you trying to pull? Where am I?"

The man who had spoken, advanced and motioned him toward a chair. "Sit down," he replied, "and I will explain everything."

"This is the year 2137 A. D. and you are in the private dwelling of Tar, King of the Males."

"Years ago scientists found your brain perfectly preserved, in a liquid we haven't been able to duplicate. The other day, Tar, our king, whose body you see as your own, received serious injury when his plane crashed. We had to save him or our nation would collapse. His brain being ruined, we thought of that living brain which some one had preserved throughout the centuries. We took out the injured brain from Tar's body and inserted the good one, yours. Thus you are Tar, King of the Males."

David's brain was whirling. "The year 2137 A. D., impossible!"

"Come," called the other man, "I am your adviser, Toar; I must take you out to the people to prove you are not hurt."

David, now Tar, followed out into a balcony overlooking a large square. He noticed that there was not a woman in that vast multitude of people so he turned to Toar and inquired, "What happened to all the women; aren't they allowed in the square?"

Toar smiled and replied, "I had forgotten to tell you that about a hundred years ago, a famous women scientist invented a way to make the females keep alive forever by form of some chemicals. The women scientists invented and kept their secret, and so as a result the men grew jealous. Finally they found the process. Their rivalry became so bitter that the females reparated from the males. We have set up two separate kingdoms, the males and females, since way back in the year 2037. It was laughable," Toar continued, "at first, but soon the women began to get as strong as we. They built war machines and have been trying to destroy us for years. Their leader is a women named Tana. She is a bad young devil, and during the last two years during which she has been queen, she has made life positively miserable for us." Suddenely Toar looked up into the sky. "It's a surprise attack; the females are coming!"

(To be continued.)

Anne Lucic
Lodge 174, SSCU

NAGRADE

Za članke in dopise, priobčene v Novi Dobi meseca oktobra 1938, so bile mladinskim dopisovalkam nakazane sledeče nagrade:

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DOPISI

Chicago, Ill. — ZAPISNIK DRUGE SEJE FEDERACIJE DRUŠTEV JSKJ ZA DRŽAVI ILLINOIS IN WISCONSIN, KI SE JE VRŠILA V NEDELJO 2. OKTOBRA 1938 V ŠOLSKI DVORANI NA CERMAK RD. V CHICAGU, ILLINOIS.

Predsednik federacije, br. Frank E. Vranichar, otvori sejo ob deseti uri dopoldne s primernim govorom na društvene zastopnike.

Čitanje imen federacijskega odbora. Navzoči so vsi.

Nato se izvrši popis društvenih zastopnikov, ki so:

Za društvo št. 66 br. John Adamich, st., br. John Živetz st. in br. Peter Musich; za društvo št. 70 br. John Gottlieb, br. John Oblak in br. Joseph Dremelj; za društvo št. 92 ses. Mary Šetina in br. Anton Oberstar; za društvo št. 94 br. John Zalar; za društvo št. 104 br. Anton Krapenc; za društvo št. 170 ses. Mary Kovačič in ses. Agnes Jurečič; za društvo št. 211 br. John Zvezich; za društvo št. 124 br. Math. Vogrich; za društvo št. 225 ses. Pauline Vogrich. Navzoč je bil tudi br. Benkše, tajnik društva št. 130 iz DePue, Ill. Ker ima društvo namen pristopiti v našo federacijo, ga zbornica prizna za pravomočnega zastopnika njegovega društva. Zbornica šteje z dvema gl. odbornikoma vred 21 članov, zastopajočih deset društev.

Sledi čitanje zapisnika prejšnje ali prve seje federacije, ki se sprejme kot je bil čitan.

Zastopnik društva št. 66 br. Živetz opozori zbornico, da je navzoč tudi gl. predsednik, br. Paul Bartel, ki je veliko delal za ustanovitev naše federacije .Nadalje predlaga, da naj zbornica imenuje brata Bartela za častnega predsednika in svetovalca federacije. Predlog podpiran in soglasno sprejet.

Nato brat Vranichar predstavi gl. predsednika brata Bartela, kateri v krepkih besedah pozdravi zbornico, ter se ji zahvali za častno priznanje. Potem pa v kratkem in jedrnatem govoru vzpodbuja zastopnike federacije za nadaljno in neumorno delovanje v njih društvih, federaciji in v Jednoti sploh. Govoru je sledilo burno odobravanje in ploskanje.

Za tem slede poročila izvrševalnega odbora federacije:

Predsednik br. Vranichar se v prvi vrsti zahvali vsem tistim društvom, ki so se že dozdaj priglasila za vstop v federacijo in tako omogočila organiziranje iste. Nadalje poroča, da je obiskal državo Indiano, posetil uradnike ondotnih društev in jim priporočal, da naj se pridružijo naši federaciji. Njegove nasvete da so odobravali, ne ve pa, če se je katero izmed teh društev že priglasilo tajniku federacije za pristop. Zglasil se je tudi pri članih društva JSKJ v Auburnu, Ill., ter pozneje prejel pismo od njih društva, katero tajnik tej zbornici prečita. Poroča tudi o resoluciji, katero je federacija poslala na sejo gl. odbora, na kateri je bil kot gl. odbornik tudi sam navzoč.

Br. Krapenc predlaga in br. Vogrich podpira, da se poročilo predsednika sprejme. Sprejeto.

Podpredsednik br. Gottlieb izjavi, da ni imel posebnega dela, zato nima poročila. Sodeloval je v korist federacije z ostalim odborom. Isto izjavi druga podpredsednica ses. Jurečič. Obe poročili sprejeti, na predlog br. Živetza in s podporo br. Zalarja.

Tajnik br. Krapenc prečita sledeče tajniško poročilo:

Cenjeni glavni odborniki, federacijski odbor in društveni zastopniki! V imenu chicaških društev vas vse iskreno pozdravljam in vam kličem: Dobro došli! Tukaj vam bom podal kratko poročilo dosedanjega delovanja naše nove federacije .Od zadnje seje so v federacijo pristopila še sledeča društva: Društvo št. 92 iz Rockdale, Ill. in pa društvo št. 124 iz La Salle, Ill. Kot ste gotovo čitali v glasilu, so tudi društva v Indiani, Wisconsinu, ter ostala društva v Illinoisu že razpravljala o pristopu v federacijo ,toda uradno naznanilo za pristop sem prejel samo od

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VEČINA ODLOČA

Včeraj so se v Zedinjenih državah završile volitve, ki so odločile sestavo prihodnjega zveznega kongresa, mnogih državnih legislatur in nekaterih drugih zbornic nižje vrste. Obenem so bili izvoljeni governerji nekaterih držav ter razni drugi uradniki in ponekod so volilci odločali tudi o raznih zadevah lokalnega pomena. Kakor vsake volitve, so tudi te nekatere zadovoljile, druge pa ne. Vsekakor pa bo tudi manjšina v večini primerov sprejela voljo večine brez ugovora. Manjšina, ki je bila poražena, bo vzela situacijo tako kot je, obenem pa se bo začela pripravljati, da do prihodnjih volitev pridobi večino volilcev za svoje ideje in svoje kandidate.

Tak je sistem demokracije. Ne more se trditi, da je v vseh ozirih perfekten, toda vseeno je tisočkrat boljši kot so sistemi avtokracij ali diktatur. V deželah, kjer je na vladi diktatura, diktirajo postave posamezne osebe ali male skupine oseb, ki morejo biti dobre ali pa slabe. Te osebe se navadno držijo na površju z zatiranjem svobode in ljudske volje ali z direktnim nasiljem. Če so še tako slabe, se jih ne more odstraniti z njihovih mest z glasovnico, ampak le s silo. V takih primerih pa navadno teče kri in padejo številne žrtve, in včasih še ni doseženo tisto, kar je ljudstvo želelo.

V našem demokratičnem sistemu se tudi večkrat zgodi, da ne pridejo najboljše osebe na odgovorna mesta, toda tudi take osebe se zavedajo, da je stalnost njihovih uradov odvisna od volje volilcev in da bodo volilci pri bodočih volitvah brezobzirno pometli z njimi, če ne bodo vsaj nekoliko upoštevali njihovih želj. To se običajno tudi zgodi, če so od ljudstva izvoljeni postavodajalci in drugi uradniki le preveč v navzkrižju z željami volilcev in ljudskimi koristmi. Resnica je dalje, da demokracije včasih streljajo prav kosmate kozle, kajti tudi postavodajalci in drugi uradniki niso nikaki bogovi, ampak ljudje, ki ne vedo vsega in se lahko motijo. Toda vsaka postava, če se izkaže narodu škodljiva, se lahko izboljša ali pa odpravi in nadomesti z boljšo. Tako demokracija lahko vedno izboljšuje upravni sistem dežele in ga skuša spraviti v najboljše soglasje s spreminjajočimi se razmerami.

Tekom volilnih kampanj se navadno na vseh straneh mnogo pretirava. Ena stranka trdi, da bo dežela zdrvila naravnost v propast, če zmaga nasprotna stranka, druga stranka pa na sličen način obdeluje prvo. Noben razsoden človek pa ne vzame takih trditev popolnoma resno. Res je, da je morda ena stranka bolj zmožna in voljna delati za koristi splošnosti kot druga, toda nobena ne more pričarati raja v deželo in nobena je ne more upropastiti. Ta republika je tekom svojega obstoja šla že skozi mnoge težke preizkušnje, toda iz vsake se je izkopala, iz vsake je vstala pomlajena in močnejša kot prej. Ameriško ljudstvo je v primeri z drugimi narodi sveta mlado in se zaradi tega včasih prav otročje zaleti, toda zaveda se svoje moči, veruje v svojo moč in zato končno vedno zmaga. Srečne se smemo šteti, da smo tudi mi del tega mladega ljudstva, polnega življenjske moči in odločnosti. Kljub vsem zaprekam in zablodam je in bo ta dežela izmed vseh dežel sveta tam, kjer je največ sonca, največ svobode in največ upanja za srečno bodočnost.

Sistem J. S. K. Jednote čudovito sliči sistemu Zedinjenih držav. Kakor je v naši republiki ljudstvo najvišji in edini gospodar, tako je v naši Jednoti članstvo. Večina članstva odloča kdo naj vodi krajevna društva in kdo naj upravlja skupno organizacijo. Večina članstva po svojih svobodno izvoljenih zastopnikih odloča, kakšna naj bodo pravila, ki so postava organizacije. Vsak dobrostoječi član in članica odraslega oddelka ima pri postavah in upravi organizacije pravico soodločevati, večina pa odloči. Omejitev je le v tem, da morajo pravila organizacije soglašati z državnimi postavami, kakor morajo postave dežele soglašati z ustavo Zedinjenih držav. Kakor so pred postavami Zedinjenih držav enakopravni vsi državljani, brez ozira kateri gospodarski, politični ali verski skupini pripadajo, tako so v naši Jednoti enakopravni vsi člani in članice, pa naj bodo tega ali onega prepričanja.

V Zedinjenih državah ni noben državljan prisiljen, da bi se posluževal svoje volilne pravice; vsak pa se jo lahko poslužuje, če hoče. Lahko se v posameznih slučajih zgodi, da o postavodajah in upravi dežele ne odloča večina upravičenih volilcev, če se neče za to brigati. Krivda za to pa leži na teh malomarnih in lenih državljanih samih, zato nimajo vzroka, da bi se pritoževali. Za vsakega državljana je tudi važno, da se briga za sistem dežele in za razmere, ki ga obdajajo, ker le na ta način more ob prilikah volitev pravilno in inteligentno glasovati. Čim bolj inteligentni in zavedni so volilci, tem boljšo vlado imajo.

Natančno isto velja za našo Jednoto. Pri pravilih in pri upravi organizacije odločujejo tisti člani, ki se za to brigajo, ki poznajo njen sistem in ki se pri vsaki priliki inteligentno udejstvujejo. Večina teh odloča. In čim bolj inteligentno in zavedno je članstvo, tem boljša pravila in tem boljšo upravo ima organizacija.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Časopisje v Nemčiji in v Italiji strupeno napada predsednika Roosevelta, ki je naznanil, da bo Amerika povečala svojo oboroženo silo. Iz tega se da sklepati, da Hitlerju in Mussoliniju res dišijo hruške na vrtovih ameriškega kontinenta.

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V državi Kentucky je bil oni dan neki cestni ropar obsojen na trikratno dosmrtno ječo. Ta je preskrbljen za precej časa.

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Vsak, ki le nekoliko slovansko čuti, se je zgražal nad perfidnostjo Poljske, ki je demokratično slovansko Češkoslovaško tekom njenih najbolj kritičnih dni napadla od zadaj ter ji iztrgala bogato ozemlje, kjer biva mnogo Čehov. Pa to še ni bilo vse. Po izvršenem ropu je Poljska dala duška tudi svoji maščevalnosti. O tem čitamo v ljubljanskem "Jutru" sledeče poročilo:

"Od vse Šlezije je Češkoslovaški ostal majhen jeziček, ostalo s 120,000 Čehi so zasedli Poljaki. Dočim so Nemci v opavski Šleziji pustili za enkrat vse pri starem in se je pouk na češki gimnaziji že začel, so Poljaki takoj pregnali vse češke učitelje, zaprli češke šole, iz rudnikov pa odpustili češke delavce, inženjerje in uradnike. Dočim nemška vojska povsod brzda "ordnerje" in njihovo maščevalnost, poljske čete brez odpora dopuščajo nasilstva poljske bojevniške organizacije."

Tako postopajo "slovanski" Poljaki s svojimi slovanskimi brati Čehi. Komentarja k temu ni treba.

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Vsega sitim bogatašem iz tako zvane boljše družbe je mrčes ljubši od ljudi. V časopisih čitamo, da je Mrs. Alice Longworth, hčerka bivšega predsednika Tedija Roosevelta in smrtna sovražnica New Deala, zaposlena s študiranjem ščurkov. Pravi, da je študiranje ščurkov izredno zanimivo. Takih parasitov ne briga, da je v tej deželi tretjina prebivalstva preslabo hranjena, nastanjena in oblečena, in ne pride jim na misel, da bi študirali, kako bi se dalo takim razmeram odpomoči. Zanimajo jih ščurki.

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Neki odlični ameriški novinar je te dni zapisal, da naciji najprej preganjajo žide in komuniste, nato pa se spravijo na državnike in kardinale. To da se je že pokazalo v bivši Avstriji.

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Iz New Yorka se je nedavno po francosko poslovil neki zakonski mož, ki je bil zadnje čase zaposlen pri WPA delih. Odpeljal se je v svojem avtomobilu neznano kam. Pred odhodom je pustil pisano izjavo, da z WPA plačo ne more vzdrževati svojega avtomobila in svoje družine.

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Svet je zelo pisana krogla. Pri nas imamo jesen, v Evropi imajo Hitlerja in Mussolinija, na Kitajskem imajo Japonce, v Južni Ameriki pa pomlad.

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V Mariboru sta bila obsojena na 15 dni zapora in na 120 dinarjev globe dva možaka, ki sta neko osovraženo žensko zvezano in do vratu boso vodila po glavni cesti trga Središče. To se pravi, da sta bila možaka kaznovana zaradi gole resnice.

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Prijatelj Janko Rogelj mi je oni dan prinesel pest cigar iz La Salle, Ill. Sprejel sem jih z odličnim spoštovanjem, ker so duhtele po lepi proslavi našega tamkajšnjega društva Danice, posebno pa še zato, ker so bile dar sobrata Johna Živca, vrlo aktivnega predsednika aktivnega društva št. 66 JSKJ v Jolietu. Poslani pozdravi so bili kmalu zaviti v oblake višnjevega dima, ki se je skozi odprto okno izgubljal v lepo indijansko poletje. Mojega užitka in sončnega razpoloženja ni motilo niti dejstvo, da so se cigare imenovale "Hobo." Z nasmehom sem v tem slučaju za cigare in mojo malenkost upoštéval znano geslo: Svoji k svojim!

A. J. T.

RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN INOZEMSTVA

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

tudi člani humoristove družine: vdova Mrs. Rogers, hčerka Mary in sin Jimmy.

HUDA PLESALKA

Znana ameriška plesalka Sally Rand je bila pretekli teden v Los Angelesu obsojena na eno leto ječe in $2000 globe, ker je opraskala in ogrizla dva fotografa, ki sta jo fotografirala, ko je nastopala na odru gledališča. Plesalka je izjavila, da se bo proti kazni pritožila na višjo instanco.

GORKO VREME

Večina ameriškega srednjega zapada se je pretekli teden kopala v nenavadno gorkem vremenu. Dne 3. novembra je toplota v Clevelandu, O., dosegla 74 stopinj, v Buffalu 72, v Columbusu 75, v Chicagu, Detroitu in Milwaukee 74, v Toledu, Ohio, pa celo 76 stopinj.

AMERIŠKA SKUPNOST

Državni podtajnik Sumner Welles je na večer 6. novembra v svojem radio govoru, ki je bil oddajan tudi v Centralno in Južno Ameriko, poudarjal potrebo sodelovanja z vsemi republikami na ameriškem kontinentu. Dne 9. decembra se bo v mestu Lima v republiki Peru sestala osma panameriška konferenca, glede katere se pričakuje, da bo storila nadaljni korak za zbližanje ameriških republik vpričo vedno bolj grozeče svetovne situacije. Odnošaji Zedinjenih držav z republikami Srednje in Južne Amerike so se zelo izboljšali, odkar je predsednik Roosevelt začel praktično izvajati smernico dobrega sosedstva in enakopravnega upoštevanja vseh republik. Bližnja bodočnost zna prinesti večji trgovski razvoj med ameriškimi republikami in pa skupni odpor proti nacijskim in fašističnim idejam.

SITUACIJA V EVROPI

Trpeča Češkoslovaška je pretekli teden menda prestala svojo zadnjo operacijo. Nemčija in Poljska sta že prej zasedli kraje, katere so določili diktatorji s pristankom Francije in Anglije. Pretekli teden je tudi Madžarska dobila svoj kos češkoslovaške republike v obsegu 4635 kvadratnih milj. V tem primeru je prizadet slovaški in deloma rusinski del dežele. Madžarski pripade s tem okrog 850,000 dosedanjih češkoslovaških državljanov, med njimi več stotisoč Slovakov in nekaj Rusinov. Slovaki, ki so s svojimi zahtevami avtonomije dosti zakrivili, da se je Hitler odločil za razkosanje češkoslovaške republike, so zdaj dobili plačilo s tem, da jih je več stotisoč spet dobilo madžarski jarem na vrat. Vsega skupaj je bilo od republike odtrganih 15,000 kvadratnih milj in 4,700,000 prebivalcev; ostalo ji je 39,000 kvadratnih milj ozemlja in 10 milijonov prebivalcev.

Prijateljsko razmerje med Nemčijo in Poljsko se je že začelo ohlajati. Poljska se boji za svoj del Ukrajine s približno štirimi milijoni prebivalcev. Večji del Ukrajine pripada sovjetski Rusiji. Znano je, da si hoče Hitler v bližnji bodočnosti osvojiti na žitu bogato Ukrajino in pri tem bo prišel v poštev tudi poljski del iste. Razume se, da Rusija Ukrajine ne bo odstopila brez boja, in, ker je vmes Poljska, se bo krvavi ples vršil na poljskem ozemlju. Tako znajo tudi Poljaki v doglednem času dobiti plačilo za svoje izdajstvo napram Češkoslovaški.

Ker imata Jugoslavija in Rumunska znatni madžarski in nemški manjšini, imata tudi ti dve deželi vedno večji strah pred Nemčijo in Madžarsko. Med Jugoslavijo in Bolgarijo se vršijo prijateljska pogajanja za ustanovitev carinske unije in pa da Jugoslavija odstopi Bolgariji par pretežno bolgarskih krajev.

Španski rebeli poročajo, da so porazili lojaliste na fronti ob reki Ebro in da so zavzeli nekatere važne postojanke.

Francija in Anglija sta priznali zavojevanje Etiopije po Italiji. Sploh danes Anglija in Francija ne predstavljata velesil, ampak državi druge vrste. V srednji Evropi sta izgubili skoro ves svoj vpliv, medtem ko se gospodarski in politični vpliv Nemčije širi. Tudi Italija skuša razširiti svoj vpliv v srednji Evropi, toda vsa znamenja kažejo, da igra poleg Nemčije šele drugo violino.

POMOČ KITAJSKI

Iz Šanghaja se poroča, da je Kitajska obljubila nadaljne koncesije Rusiji v zameno za vojaško pomoč napram Japonski. Rusija naj bi posebno pomagala Kitajski z vojaškimi letali in vojaškimi strokovnjaki. Poročilo je iz japonskih virov in je morda resnično, morda pa je svetu namenjeno strašilo o nevarnosti boljševiškega bavbava. Morda japonsko zavojevanje Kitajske zadnje čase ne gre tako gladko kot je šlo pred par tedni, pa je treba za to najti kako opravičilo.

O VOLILNI PRAVICI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

čenih volilcev izmed prebivalstva 5,000,000 duš. Ob istih razmerah bi imeli dandanes manj kot miljon volilcev.

Thomas Jefferson je bil velik zagovornik razširjenja volilne pravice. Pred Civilno vojno so bile omejitve vsled veroizpovedanja odpravljene. Abraham Lincoln se je odločno boril za splošno volilno pravico. Dandanes je načelo splošne volilne pravice priznano, dejansko pa je volilna pravica črncev v raznih južnih državah znatno omejena, to pa na podlagi raznih inteligenčnih izpitov, katerim so podvrženi. V nekaterih državah še danes obstoja volilni davek (poll tax), in kdor ga ne plačuje, ne more voliti. V splošnem pa ameriški državljani in državljanke vseh stanov smejo izvrševati pravico volilnega glasu, ki je ponosna dedovina ameriškega državljanstva. — FLIS.

LASTNOROČNI PODPIS

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

To brezobzirno prostituiranje lepe sezonske navade so najbrž povzročile firme, ki delajo zaslužek s tiskanjem imen in prodajo takih kartic. Kartica s podpisom pošiljatelja je nekak osebni stik s prijateljem, je skoro kot osebna čestitka ali oseben obisk prijatelja, medtem ko je kartica s tiskanim imenom čisto nekaj mrzlega in trgovskega, kot iz papirja izdelana vrtnica ali naslikana oranža. Kdor je tako mrzel napram svojemu prijatelju, da mu na božični kartici ne privošči niti tistih par črk lastnoročnega podpisa, je boljše, da take kartice obdrži in jih sam gleda. Morda je natiskan podpis lep na pogled, toda je mrzel in tuj ter ne more izražati t o p l e g a prijateljstva. Lastnoročni podpis prijatelja, pa naj bo še tako zverižen, pomeni na kartici več in je stokrat lepši kot vse natiskane rože, figure in besede. Poleg tega pa zahteva lastnoročni podpis že sama etiketa.

VAŽNOST IRIGACIJE NA ZAPADU

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

človeški razum najbrž ne bo mogel nikdar obvladati vseh sil narave, toda kolikor več jih bo prilagodil svojim potrebam, toliko udobnejše bo življenje človeštva.

ODMEVI IZ RODNIH KRAJEV

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

OTOŠKA ZABAVA

V Malem vrhu pri Sv. Ani v Slovenskih goricah je zgorelo gospodarsko poslopje posestnice Marije Frasove. Tudi gospodarski stroji so pogoreli. Ugotovilo se je, da sta zanetila ogenj domača fanta, stara 8 in 11 let. Bila sta sama doma in sta se igrala z vžiglicami. Ko so ju orožniki vprašali, zakaj sta zanetila ogenj, sta odvrnila, da zaradi tega, ker rada gledata, kako gori.

SMRT ČUDAKINJE

V Sremski Mitrovici je umrla 73letna prof. Angelina Popović-va. Bila je iz ugledne družine. Govorilo se je nekoč celo, da bo postala žena srbskega kneza Mihajla. Dovršila je tri fakulte, kar bi tudi danes bil nenavaden uspeh, za tiste čase pa je to bil menda svetovni rekord. Govorila je 7 jezikov, saj je študirala v Gradcu, na Dunaju, v Parizu, Londonu in še v drugih mestih. Življenje pa jo je kmalu razočaralo in ko se ni poročila, se je zaklenila v svojo sobo ter 30 let ni zapustila hiše v Parobrodski ulici v Sremski Mitrovici. Preživljala se je s poučevanjem jezikov. Svoje premoženje je zapustila nekemu sorodniku na Madžarskem, ki je v visoki državni službi.

SPODLETELO JIM JE

Med srečnimi igralci zadnjega kola državne loterije sta bila tudi kmet Smoljanović in brivec Marman iz daruvarske okolice, ki sta zadela četrtino milijonske premije. Srečka je bila kupljena v Beogradu in z najetim avtomobilom sta se odpeljala v Beograd po denar. Njuna sreča je bila seveda znana vsem sosedom in obveščeni so bili o njej tudi neki nevarni pustolovci. Kmet in brivec sta srečko vnovčila v Beogradu, a ker sta imela tam še nekoliko opravke, sta šoferja izplačala in poslala domov. Blizu Požeških Sesvet se je šofer ponesrečil, znašel pred zasedo, iz katere je bilo oddanih na vozilo več streljov iz pušk in revolverjev. Eden izmed napadalcev se je avtomobilu tudi približal in ko je videl, da je prazen, so razbojniki ogenj ustavili. Šofer je pretrpel precej strahu in tudi škode, lastnika dobitka pa sta zelo hvaležna srečnemu naključju, da sta se zamudila v Beogradu in varno pripeljala tisočake z železnico.

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Call for Applications for Position of Assistant Editor of Nova Doba

The present by-laws provide that during the month of November of each year the Nova Doba must publish an invitation for bids for the position of English Editor of the official organ.

Applications for the position of English Editor during 1939 are now open and should be forwarded to Anton J. Terbovec, Editor-Manager of Nova Doba, 6233 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, not later than December 31, 1938.

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The position of English Editor is on a part time basis, and the by-laws provide a maximum salary of $65.00 a month.

The supreme board will act upon all applications at the January 1939 annual meeting.

Paul Bartel, Supreme President, SSCU.

Rambling Along

By Stan Progar

Blawnox, Pa. — In just three days hence, the regular meeting of Lodge No. 149 SSCU of Strabane will take place. Immediately afterwards the younger element will meet for their first meeting that will climax with the forming of an athletic club for the SSCUers of Strabane. Brothers John Therchell and Henry Mikec with the help of the senior members are in charge, so let's give them all the support we can by arriving early with that pep, vim and vigor that you all showed when this idea was born. Above all, don't forget the prospects that have promised to enroll as soon as the club is formed. Bring them along Sunday. Don't forget, we've started the ball rolling and we can't stop now. We've got to go on and show the SSCU world that Strabane will not take a back seat for no one. Be at the meeting Sunday and prove to all that the Strabane SSCUers can do more than just talk and will soon be occupying the fraternal spotlight in that lovable little town called Strabane. And don't forget. I have been promised by our second supreme vice-president, Paul Oblock of Center that barring accidents and unexpected business, Paul will be on hand at the meeting and more than willing to extend any help at his command. So be at the meeting Sunday, November 13.

Here's an interesting feature the "youngens" of Strabane should not miss. Frank Mikec informs me that the seniors will not be left holding the bag. They are out to organize a senior bowling team with only one object in mind. That is to lick the best team that the "youngens" can place on the score sheet. Will you let them do it? Of course not. Be at the meeting Sunday and whip into shape that bowling team that will not only beat your seniors but also any team that dares to match spares and strikes with you.

Masquerade

It is needless to say that the Ramblers of Center were hosts at a very successful masquerade dance, but for the unfortunate ones that "missed out," let me say this, don't never let it happen again. You missed the time of your life because an SSCU get-together is always a goodtime get-together. It was proved at the Electrons dance and again emphasized at the Ramblers affair. Why? Simply because an SSCU get-together is so chuck full of fun and friendliness that everyone forgets troubles and is simply taken in with that unescapable SSCU fraternal spirit that allows only fun, laughters and good cheer to sift through. It was more than evidenced at the Center dance. It was the domineering factor that overcame everybody. But no one complained because at an SSCU affair, there is never room for a complaint department.

Again the writer was never so glad to see so many familiar faces. Good old SSCU faces from Claridge, Cheswick, Pittsburgh, White Valley, Pleasant Valley and many more places that his bemuddled brain cannot place at this writing. But regardless, all he saw was faces lit up in smiles a yard wide and faces that literally shouted the fact that they'd never be sorry for being present. All because an SSCU get-together is ALWAYS a good time get-together regardless of where it is held.

Somehow, your correspondent missed out on most of the fun. Maybe it was because he found his way into the barroom and was lost. But the funny part of it all, whenever he went down, he saw the steps that took one back out but when he tried to find the steps, all he could see was a wall. No steps nowhere that took one up to the dance floor, so what was he to do but stay planted and swap yarns and beer with those that found themselves in the same predicament. Then all of a sudden, just as the hunt for the steps was about to be abandoned, the Hallowe'en pranksters brought back the steps and allowed the old rambler up to enjoy the music as can be played by only one band. Yes, he means the ever-popular Center City Four. A band worthy of any dance engagement and a band that is upholding my prediction that they will become the best band what am. In fact it is the biggest little band in town and one hundred per cent SSCU. But the most important item of all is the way the band expels their shuffle rhythm. A beat all of their own that actually forces the would-be wall flowers onto the dance floor and makes them forget that they never danced before.

All in all, Saturday, October 29th has passed and along with October 15th, it becomes another red letter day in the annals of SSCU local history. A memorable occasion never to be

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Lodge 88

Roundup, Mont. — At the meeting of St. Michael's lodge, No. 88, SSCU held on October 16, discussions were held on the initiative motion submitted by lodge No. 37. The membership voted against the motion and unanimously rejected it. We are satisfied with the present by-laws. The change proposed by the initiative motion would benefit neither the membership nor the Union, but it would cause a lot of harm. We believe that the delegates at the last convention were capable of their duties when they accepted the present by-laws, and worked to the best of their abilities for the benefit of its members. And the intent of the majority was accepted. However, it is impossible to satisfy everyone. This whole thing on the initiative motion creates but a lot of extra work for the editor of the Slovene section who must re-write contributing articles on it and correct the grammar. From the reports in the Nova Doba, it is evident that the majority of lodges are against the foregoing mentioned initiative motion, which will not receive enough support to go on a special ballot.

Here and there an article mentions that the older members, who do not have an income with which to pay their assessments, may convert their certificates into plan "AA," and thus secure a loan from the accumulated reserve with which to pay their assessments. In a way this is acceptable, since the Union can retain the member who otherwise would be expelled because of non-payment of assessments. This holds good especially for old members who do not have any near relatives to look after them. And then again, the change is not acceptable since the conversion into plan "AA" means payment of somewhat higher assessments. And in the event the loan, together with accumulated interest, is not repaid, then it can be deducted from the death benefit, in the event of death, and the Union is thus reimbursed for its loan, while the beneficiaries receive the remaining.

This should be considered by beneficiaries of older members, let them be children or other relatives. If they wish to receive the entire death benefit, then let them pay the assessments, if these older members cannot pay anymore for one reason or another. Certainly it is the duty of the children, that is the beneficiaries, to pay the assessments for the older members. But it is unwise for other members to pay assesments for such older members so that the beneficiaries can be assured of the entire death benefit. If the older members obtain a loan from their reserve, in order to meet the assessments, and if such a loan is not reimbursed, then at their death this loan together with interest can be deducted from the death benefit, and the beneficiaries would receive only what is left, if any amount is available. It is fine to receive a loan, but very hard to return. Furthermore, the beneficiaries benefit from the death benefit and not the insuree.

Suspended members of our lodge are cautioned to meet their obligations in arrears in November so that they may again become members in good standing.

Katherine Penica, Sec'y

BRIEFS

Cleveland Interlodge Basketball League will open its current season on Wednesday, November 16th, in the St. Clair Bathhouse. Ten teams have entered the field of competition this year. The SSCU will be represented by the George Washington lodge, No. 180, who will play the Lithuanians on opening night at 9:15 p.m. The first game, between the Socas and the Clairwoods is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

In Euclid, O., Adria singing club will present its annual fall concert next Sunday, November 13, at the Slovene Societies Home on Recher Ave. A dance will follow the concert. Several members of Adria also are members of the SSCU, including Adria's president Mathew Molk, who serves as vice-president of George Washington lodge, No. 180, SSCU.

Lodge 108, SSCU of Youngstown, O. invites SSCU members and friends to its dance on Saturday, November 12, at Anton Nagode's place in Avon Park, Girard.

Word reached Nova Doba these days that an unusually large amount of publicity attended lodge 124, SSCU celebration of its twentieth anniversary and the Union's fortieth, in the local La Salle, Ill. newpapers. The Daily Post-Tribune carried pictures on the front page of the two principal speakers, Janko N. Rogelj, first supreme trustee, of Cleveland, and Frank Vranichar, second supreme trustee of Joliet.

A gentle reminder for the December annual lodge meetings: Athletic supervisors are to be elected for the year 1939 along with other lodge administrative officers. These supervisors comprise the national SSCU athletic board.

Cleveland athletic supervisors of SSCU lodges, along with lodge officers of the three English-conducted lodges, and others interested in plans for the 1939 national tenpin tournament, are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, November 17, to be held at the Nova Doba office. Meeting will begin promptly at 7 p. m.

Ladies of SSCU

Joliet, Ill. — A ghostly atmosphere predominated at the Vranichar dwelling on Tuesday, Oct. 25th. The occasion was the Ladies of the SSCU Hallowe'en masquerade. A belle of the 1890's, an attractive gypsy woman, a jolly clown, a dashing pirate, and a most handsome gentleman were only a few of the jolly party. A creation of suspense, indeed, was manifest, when these disguised personages were about to remove their masks. Exclamations of surprise were heard when the masks were uncovered.

Only a short business meeting was held, for the party was to take up most of the evening. Prizes were awarded to Misses Elizabeth Jevitz, Helen Kozlica, Jeanette Kosick and Lillian Kosick.

The hostess served a delightful luncheon at a beautifully set table. Hallowe'en colors were carried out very artistically. Everyone truly possessed a ghostly feeling.

Miss Marie Music will entertain on November 22 at her home.

Lillian E. Kosick
No. 66, SSCU

Center Ramblers

Center, Pa. — One evening several weeks ago, in the midst of the World Series and at the height of the Czechoslovak crisis, I listened to Bob Trout, a CBS news commentator, relate the news of the day. After he had told what happened in Wrigley Field that day, Mr. Trout began to tell of the courageous fighting for his life of a fourteen-year-old Chicago boy. He told of this boy's intense interest in the Chicago Cubs, and how every day a few of the Cub players would come to the hospital to visit him. When Mr. Trout spoke the name Johnny English, I immediately recognized the name, but I doubted very much that it was the same boy who attended the second juvenile convention. I read the articles about him that appeared in the Pittsburgh Press, but I was still in doubt. Finally I learned through the Nova Doba that it was the Johnny English who attended the second juvenile convention.

Well, we know now that Johnny, who was given a 1000 to 1 chance of recovering, is at this time well on the road to recovery. To the other delegates who attended the second juvenile convention: I think Johnny would recover much sooner if every one of you would sit down right now and write him a letter.

For several years now the Ramblers have held annually a Halowe'en Dance. Each year, when the night of that dance rolls around, the Ramblers' expectations are exceeded; each year the dance is more successful. In behalf of the Center Ramblers, I wish to thank all those people who were present at our last Hallowe'en Dance to make it the huge success it was.

Although this dance was not given much publicity in the Nova Doba by members of this lodge, among those who did publicize it were Frank and Stan Progar. The Ramblers owe you a vote of thanks. I believe the Progar brothers are a real example of fraternalism. We need more members like you.

The next meeting of the Center Ramblers is going to be a very important one. At this meeting the all-important subject of bowling will be discussed. I'm sure all you bowlers will want to be there. And then, we can't overlook the fact that the meeting attendance award amounts to five dollars this time. Who's going to get that money when it is finally awarded? Let's find out at the Rambler's next meeting on Novemver 13 by a 100 per cent attendance.

Isabell Erzen
No. 221, SSCU

Lodge 42

Pueblo, Colo. — As decided at the October monthly meeting, members of Marija Pomagaj lodge, No. 42, SSCU are hereby notified to be sure and attend the coming regular meeting on November 20. Meeting will begin at 9 a. m. in lodge Orel's hall on Northern Ave. Please attend in full numbers.

Frank Rupar, Sec'y

SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT

By Little Stan

Ely, Minn. — Strike up the band! Camera! Lights! Music! — The parade of 1938 Gophers is underway!

Because these guys and gals auspiciously started the season. First with a grand Hallowe'en dance in the National Home, and second with a bowling victory over our brother lodge keglers of Hibbing last week. Two pitches — both home runs — and now you may guess why Little Stan starts off this week's column of chatter with such gusto! — Yep — it's something to sing and crow about!

It wasn't any Hallowe'en trick, nor was it anything else but business that caused Little Stan to be a trifle late at the dance. But alibis are alibis, and for a time 'Tanley felt like "Brother Rat" — with apologies to the copyright owners. Heh Heh! But there was another political meeting to cover. It lasted a little long, and that's why he was late. But he got there just the same. After all, who would want to miss the first Gopher dance of the season.

Getting around the corner, the windows in the National Home building seemed all covered with a mist, transforming the picture so that it looked like you were seeing the dancers through a frosted glass — you know shadows. A couple of the storm windows were open and from these spaces came the scintillating music of Franky Kromar's swing band. The shuffling feet and gales of laughter could be heard above the din of street traffic (there wasn't an auto in sight) — and it tended to make your genial reporter sprout mercury wings on his feet — just to get there faster. This didn't quite happen however, as Little Stan decided to have a look... have a look... have a look (Just like Tisket-a-Tasket!) — in the Sweet Shoppe.

A bevy of friends sat in a booth, and after a couple of snappy exchanges of greetings, and an invitation to have-a-seat; have-a-seat; have-a-seat—'Tanley sat down! Heh Heh! Occasionally there was something that 'Tanley tried to remember. But it just wouldn't come.

Peals of laughter and giggles eminating from the door suddenly gave him the reminder. Where did these people come from? — Why the Hallowe'en dance of course! Tsk Tsk — wotta guy... wotta guy... wotta guy — even forgetting the Gopher dance for that brief moment — And he was the guy who was going to sprout those Mercury wings!

But it wasn't too late! And the way 'Tanley climbed the stairs to the dance floor — you'd think he had sprouted wings! Coming in to the door you could see that those Gophers were doing a fine business. Smiles of satisfaction were very evident. And that 87 cents that was in the treasury before the dance? — huh — they snapped their fingers at it! By the way didja ever try snapping your fingers? Heh Heh — try it some time!

Bro. Louis Pechek, Misses Christine and Marie Kuzma were at the door when your correspondent made his appearance. The "bank" seemed to be in good shape, and the beautifully decorated hall seemed in fine fettle — so did the dancers who filled the hall to capacity.

The way those Gopher gals and men folk decorated that hall! It was actually beautiful! Beautiful orange and black streamers; nice orange pumpkins (and one didn't get on Little Stan's head), and scarey black cats on the windows. A perfect setting. As time wore on, dancers pulled at the streamers, had lots of fun tearing some of them down... Like a guy said. "What's the use of putting it up, if you're going to take it down?" — and another, "What goes up must come down!" — Apparently that was the reason. But the hall still looked cute as the dancers capered about in fast fox trot, lazy rhythm, a bit of the Big Apple — think it was the core, and think that was why they held their forefinger in the air while "truckin'".

The feet just couldn't keep from moving as Geetar Marolt, Accordion Frankie and Cab Klun blared forth the notes. They had swing, wim, wigor, and vitality — some combination — not counting a little sniff between. But it added color, spirit, and everything else that goes with a good dance promotion.

Even without dough in the treasury, the Gophers spared no expense in laying out the entire program for the evening, and it more than paid itself in more ways than one. Where it was thought that no one would take masks, that they should be sold for a nickel apiece, the final result was just the opposite. They sold for a dime, some twice, and it ended when there was not enough. Some fun.

Everybody dancing. One little lady told 'Tanley she enjoyed the dance especially much because a lot of the older folks weren't there... Looks like we'll have to keep our mamas and papas home once in a while. Dropping up to see how the dance was getting along were Joseph L. Champa, president of lodge No. 2; Joseph Pechaver, treasurer, and Louis Perushek, secretary. They were elated over the success of their younger members, and were very much pleased. So Gophers pat yourselves on the back.

The hour of twelve struck very suddenly, as Cinderella screamed a bit, dashed down the stairs. Ah! but she left her little slipper behind!

And Prince Charming — but what's this... 'Tanley mustn't go off on a tangent like that — but for consolation it's just another way to tell you that the dance ended.

A wonderful success that first social event of the Gophers. But it didn't quite end. The music had stopped, and most of the crowd had gone. Then came the scramble for the cute pumpkin decorations over the doorway. Lucky it wasn't mistletoe. Otherwise a lot of sweet youg ladies might have been kissed. — it's close to Christmas anyway, you know! tsk tsk! Soon everybody had their pumpkin — a nice souvenir. In the corner the kings were counting out their money. Pencil and paper in action for a few minutes while Treasurer Louis Pechek counted. Deducting all expense the Gophers present to you, their first huge profit — that amazing total of $13.85—it looks good in figures! So it was on the first pitch — a homerun — or a touchdown as

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Sport Flashbacks

By Stan Progar

Blawnox, Pa. — Fordham came to Pittsburgh favored by some of the football authorities as the one team that could successfully shackle the dangerous and damaging Golden Cat of the Oakland District. Whether or not they were sincere in their statement or just taking the long shot that there might be an upset in this game, one cannot be sure. But as 75,857 frenzied football fans will tell you, these selected few who were of that opinion, almost spoke the truth. Fordham came to Pittsburgh and did succeed in placing shackles on three of the Panther's powerful claws but suffered the consequences as the Ram tried to fasten the remaining paw. The task was entirely too great for the Ram. The Panther didn't mind playing cops and robbers but when the party got too rough, he roared defiance to all present and began his battle for supremacy in earnest. Smashing the center wall with the ferocious assults that only a jungle cat can muster, ripping off-tackle with the damaging effects of a corn shodder, tearing the ends with lightning like thrusts and a leap or two in the air soon had the courageous Ram smashed to complete submission. The enraged Panther was in a killing mood and the 75,857 thrill-crazed fans that faced almost certain heart failure spurred on the cat with their howls and yelling that was held in check during the past three quarters. When the Cat's trainer, Jock Sutherland called off the murderous attack, the Ram was beaten, battered, pounded and completely subdued.

The Aftermath

In the past few years, the Pitt Panther has proven time and time again that he will be held in check for only so long. Then whenever he feels that he has played long enough and the time has come for work, pity the poor opponent that must face the Cat. The record crowd that convened at the Pitt stadium for the Pitt-Fordham game believed that they were in for another repetition to this effect. But many had their doubts because here the Cat was trailing for the first time this year and in the light of the fact that previously the Ram held the Cat scoreless for three successive years. And as the game sped on to its conclusion, the 7 to 3 lead held by the Ram began to assume huge proportions. Again the Ram was keeping the Cat touchdownless while he was fortunate to penetrate the promised land himself. Would the Ram prove to be the jinx for the Cat or had the Cat enough power to repeat his past performances of smashing his opponent in the final moments of the game? This question was paramount to all as every Panther move was checkmated by a very stubborn Ram. Then came the answer as the Panther rose to life after 49 minutes of useless efforts. The wear and tear of the Panther's brutal assaults began to tell on the Ram as he was forced to retreat before the clawing and raging Panther. In exactly nine minutes, the world knew the answer. History had been repeated and again the Panther's strength was great enough to offset any previous advantages held by his opponent.

Sidelights

One interesting item noted in the Pitt-Fordham game was the fact that on the Pitt side of the field ,the substitutes were almost completely unemployed. Aside from the one replacement in the Pitt backfield, Kish subbing for Goldberg and Chicherneo, the eleven originals fought the battle unaided until in the final moments when the game was decidedly in the old bag. The "Four Cats" were intact as the opening whistle sounded but for the first time this season; the "Seven Kittens" were forced to play with a new claw when Ted Konetsky, a junior replaced the injured Walt Raskowski. Outside the one incident when his youthful ambitions overtook him, a fifteen-yard penalty for unnecessary roughness, one can feel safe in saying that Ted played an inspired game and will give Raskowski no end of trouble when Raskowski tries to win back his tackle position in the line.

Number One Team

For the third consecutive week, the nation's sports scribes have placed Pitt as the nation's number one team. But this week, the Cat left no doubt in the minds of the voting scribes because out of the 115 that pick the winner, 105 were in favor of the Panther. A mere ten believed that the Cat's efforts did not merit national acclaim. Might it be because the ten felt that the Cat did only what was expected of him and that Fordham was a mere push-over? In any event, the Panther has established himself as the nation's number one team and it is very doubtful if he will be removed from his present spot. Only Nebraska, Penn State and Duke remain to be dealt with before the possible and probable Rose Bowl battle. In these three "yet to be fought" battles, little trouble if any can be seen in store for the Panther from the Oakland District. That is, barring injuries to any of the "Four Cats."

Rumors

It has been stated by authoritive sources that the next Gopher team will positively not be coached by Minnesota's lovable and very capable mentor, Bernie Bierman. As much as the news stung the Gopher followers, it cannot hurt half as much as the pain and anxiety that the Panther adherents are experiencing due to a shocking announcement made by Sam Balder, Phillie ace sports commentator. On his Saturday, October 29th sport broadcast, Mr. Balder informed the world that Jock Sutherland would definitely not be with the Panther next year. According to Mr. Balder, coach Sutherland will assume the coaching duties of Brooklyn Dodgers professionals and also take an executive position in the same organization. He also stated that his announcement would be confirmed at the close of the present season by officials of both the Pitt University and the Brooklyn Pros. It has all happened so sudden that one doesn't know what to say except that we all hope all this is wrong. Somehow, we just can't see Pitt without its famous Jock. We try to place this announcement in a nightmare brought about by too much Hallowe'en goodies. Is it possible. No, no, we shout and repeatedly pray silently to rid us from this night-mare and hope for a denial. But once before I heard a far away voice warn me that anything can happen anywhere and anytime. But for once, why can't this voice be wrong.

RAMBLING ALONG

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forgotten just as was the Electrons dance of the 15th. Providing no other local SSCU affair takes place in the next sixty days, we can truthfully say that we were present at two doings that properly and successfully closes the 40th anniversary year locally and in a way that will keep alive the 40th anniversary year for many many years to come. All because an SSCU good time get-together cannot and will not be denied and because the SSCU is the grandest of all fraternal organizations known to man.

A Thought

Only two more months of the 40th anniversary year remains. Show your loyalty and appreciation to your SSCU by attending as many anniversary affairs as you can and be as active as possible in the Nova Doba during the next two months.

LITTLE STAN'S ARTICLE

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you will, with nobody missing the uprights for the extra point.

And all this, even though Northwestern upset Minnesota 6 to 3, Little Stan won a $9 jackpot — by luck. Never knew he had it until he looked at the numbers in the last quarter when the Wildcats pushed the ball across from the 8-yard line.

Gophers Take Three

On Sunday, Nov. 6 the Gopher bowling stars went to Hibbing to play a return match with the Kitzville SSCU'ers. The result will be a story for next week. But right now, Little Stan wants to tell the story of the Gophers first bowling win of the season, accomplished at the Ely Bowling Center.

The team, headed by Joe Tichar who was a delegate to the 1936 Cleveland convention, his brother Frank, Joey Musich, Messrs. Kochevar and "Stitch" Krizmonich, arrived in time to get a few practice shots on the alleys before starting the game. They were a nice sociable gang, and it looked like it was going to be a swell match. On the Gopher team were John Glavan, former basketball star; Frank Mrack, the curve-ball artist; Mike Bachar, who "plays them just that way," John Palcher, another curve-ball chukker; and Little Stanley, the old left hander.

Frank Preshiren and Frank Kosir were supposed to show up, but they didn't, so Little Stan asked Johnny Palcher of the Ely Sweet Shoppe to chuck 'em down, and fill in. Palcher, Bachar and Pechaver bowl in the city major league for the Sweet Shoppe.

Mike was placed in clean-up position where he did a remarkable job. He rolled consistently, and when connecting with a faltering strike would flash a big smile when somebody would yell "Lucky!" — and answer, "NO! I played it that way."

Joey and Frank Tichar both had tough luck. The strangeness of the alleys helped that part along. Frank Tichar who is employed on the alleys in the Hibbing Memorial building, had his curve ball, but it just wouldn't "take". Bro. Kochevar bowled for the first time this season, and couldn't connect — but you should have seen him get those tough spares. Stitch Krizmonich was consistent in the 165 mark, and Joey Musich got one good game of 191.

Final tallies:

Gophers — Total pins 2,479			
Glavan, John	148	209	175
Pechaver, Stan	154	156	182
Palcher, John	176	156	127
Mrack, Frank	147	151	167
Bachar, Mike	179	149	201
	804	823	852

Kitzville — Total pins, 2,337			
Tichar, Frank	149	164	162
Kochevar	133	131	124
Krizmonich	161	168	164
Musich, Joseph	157	191	149
Tichar, Joseph	179	133	172
	779	787	771

And there you have it. And with it, Little Stan must make ready for the next meeting this Sunday... And by the way, the next story in "baby-talk" will have to wait a week... and until then — bye bye...

An Appeal From Louis Adamic

To the Slovene Immigrants in the U. S., and their American-born Children and Grandchildren:

Unusual motives and circumstances impel me to try—through the kindness and courtesy of the editors of this newspaper—to communicate in this unusual way with the Slovene immigrants in the U. S. and their American-born children and grandchildren.

My last book, "My America," contains a long selection entitled "Plymouth Rock and Ellis Island," in which I try to point out in various ways and from different angles, the following facts, which to me seem of foremost importance:

(1) That Ellis Island is rapidly becoming—historically—as important as is Plymouth Rock.

(2) That the U. S., as it stands today is—racially, socially and culturally—an extension not only of the British Isles and the Netherlands but, more or less, of all Europe and, to an extent, of Asia and Africa.

(3) That present-day America, with its great industries, skyskrapers, endless highways and power lines, is as much the result of the labor and genius of immigrants as of old-stock Americans.

(4) That, in the upbuilding of America as it stands today, the immigrants' contributions have been enormous; that in this upbuilding of the country in the last century more immigrants from various European countries died than early American colonists were killed in subduing the wilderness and in the War for Independence; and that it is urgent for America that this fact be realized and appreciated by the country as a whole.

(5) That very rapidly the U. S. is ceasing to be a predominantly Anglo-Saxon country, for our population now includes nearly 50,000,000 non-Anglo-Saxons; and that, for that reason, a new conception of America (along the lines suggested above) is necessary.

(6) That the presence in the U. S. of this vast new-immigrant element immensely complicates American social, economic, political, cultural, and spiritual problems; that inherent in our present population are certain dangers to America as well as to the various racial and national groups; that alien-baiting on the part of old-stock Americans is spreading; and, lest these dangers to America and the various groups increase and intensify, all of us—new and old-stock Americans—must begin to be intelligently, patriotically interested in this situation.

This is the gist of what I am driving at in "My America." But what I say in that book is tentative and incomplete. I plan to write a new book which will deal, as exhaustively as possible, only with the immigrants who have come here in the last hundred years, and with their children and grandchildren who are native Americans but different from, say, Americans of Yankee stock, and with their problems as such in relation to America as a whole, with America's problems in relation to them, with the problem of Americanization or assimilation, with the idea of the Melting Pot, and with the future of the U. S. from the viewpoint of the fact that the composition of its population is rapidly changing.

Space limitations forbid me to reveal here the complete scheme for my next book, but, in addition to developing as fully as I can the above-listed points upon which I touch in "My America," I shall try to bring out and emphasize that the old "Americanization" idea was pretty nearly all wrong and has largely failed, and that we need a new Americanization.

The old "Americanization" idea aimed to purge the immigrant of his old-country background (of which the "Americanizers" had no clear notion except that it was bad because "foreign") and thus turn him neatly into an Anglo-Saxon American, or a pretty good imitation of one, and in a few lessons in night-school endow him with the background of America from the Colonial days on. Assimilation was supposed to work one way: from the immigrant's natural old-country background to Americanism as conceived by patriotic old-stock Americans.

Millions of aliens were naturalized and learned more or less English, which gave the "Americanizers" the illusion that their idea was headed successward; actually, the average immigrant remained a good deal of the national he was in the old country. Implicit in the "Americanization" idea, which scorned his natural background, was an insult to him, and he resented it. In many cases as he inevitably and silently compared his adopted country with his native land, he became more conscious of his old-country background than he was before he came over, and he frequently followed his natural inclination as a foreigner and drew aside, away from the main streams of American life, into his national colony, where, to a great extent, he is to this day, and where his children were born.

Some of the immigrant colonies, the so-called "foreign sections" of our cities, are now beginning to break up, but this breaking up is painful, tragic, haphazard, not very intelligent. To my mind, what is now needed is a new consciousness of America, of ourselves as a people made up of over fifty races and nationalities. Also what is needed is a new Americanization idea which will recognize and accept, not merely tolerate, the various national groups as such; which will see the desirabiiity of diversity in our population; which will take a firm stand against alien-baiting and insist that the immigrant citizens and their American-born children belong here as much as the old-stock Americans because this is their America as much as anybody else's; and which will work toward gradual assimilation or social-cultural fusion that will operate naturally, not one way, but in many directions. By this I mean that Anglo-Saxons will have to become partly assimilated or fused into the various new-immigrant groups just as the latter will have to become partly assimilated into the Anglo-Saxon group and into one another.

This process is now going, but, as I say, painfully, haphazardly, often accompanied by pathological manifestations and personal tragedies. We—all of us now in America: old-stock Americans and those of a new-immigrant stocks—need to become conscious of it and make it intelligent and healthy, from the viewpoint of America's racial, cultural, social, and political future.

My new book will aim to be a contribution in that direction. Its title will be "A Nation of Nations," which is a phrase from a line in Walt Whitman: "Here (in America) is not a nation, but a teeming nation of nations." I shall spend 1939-40 making a thorough survey of the subject, write the book in 1941, and publish it late that year or early in 1942.

This is a big job, and I shall need all the help I can get. This appeal is being addressed, through their newspapers and otherwise, to several immigrant groups. As now planned, the book will contain a number of chapters on the Slovenes in America and here are some of the things I need to know:

What is the history of the Slovenes in the U. S.? Is there any printed material (especially in English) on the subject? Where and how could I get hold of it?

What is the history of the Slovenes in your city or town, or in the cities or towns where you lived in the past? When did Slovenes first settle there? Why did they come there? Why did they come to America, in the first place? Where did they come from? What did they do there at the beginning? What are the majority engaged in now? What is their social-economic situation? How did the depression effect them? How does America look to them at this time? Are many of them still thinking of the old country? What are they thinking and saying? Are they glad to be here? Are some sorry they came over? Are they mixing with other nationalities? With old-stock Americans? Are they going into local politics, and to what extent? Are they encountering prejudice or discrimination? How do they cope with it? What are some of the other problems facing the Slovenes in your city or town? Have many changed their names? How and why?

Do members of your group tend to be prejudiced against other groups?

All immigrant groups have contributed vastly to the upbuilding of America as it now stands? Who were or are some of the outstanding people of your national group in the U. S.? In professions? Sports? Industry and business? Education and religion? In special fields? Are their life stories interesting, dramatic, illustrative of the life of your people in America as a whole? I am especially eager to hear of immigrants or second-generation workers who are not widely known but who have invented gadgets and new production methods which are now a part of American industrial operations.

Which towns in America were started by Slovenes? When, how, and why? Are these towns still mostly Slovene? Who could tell me the stories of these towns?

I should like to hear of old couples of your nationality who have been in America a long time and whose children, grandchildren, and possibly great-grandchildren are scattered all over America, performing various functions, facing different problems, living interesting or average American lives. What are their names, where do they live? Who knows the entire stories of such specific families?

To what extent are the Slovene colonies in the various cities breaking up? How are they breaking up? What does that mean in terms of living to the old immigrants and their American-born children? Is it good these colonies are breaking up?

What are some of the characteristics, good and bad, of the Slovenes in America? Which of them are being destroyed or enhanced in them by American forces? Which would benefit America if they were preserved and developed here? What have your people brought over in them that, if it became part of American life in general, would add to the color and tone of the culture of the U. S.?

The Slovenes brought to America certain cultural gifts and talents. Which of them were destroyed, perverted, or damaged by conditions in this country? Which were enhanced? Which have any value for the future of America? Why? What can be done to restore those that were damaged?

The children and grandchildren of immigrants interest me. My observation is that a great many of them are oppressed by feelings of inferiority in relation to old-stock Americans, to America as a whole. Is that your observation, too? How do those feelings of inferiority manifest themselves? Are American-born children uneasy or unhappy because their names are "foreign?" Are some of them ashamed of their "foreign" parents? Do many leave home? Why? What happens in such cases? How have some of them overcome their feelings of inferiority? To what extent are they marrying persons of other races? (In this connection, please see the chapter "Thirty Million New Americans" in the book "My America," which is available in most public libraries.)

Do critical developments in Europe tend to enhance the national consciousness of the Slovenes in America? Do they effect their American-born children? How?

I ask all those who can answer any of the above questions to write to me, either in English or in their native tongue, but preferrably in English. My permanent mail address is given below. Write me a page or fifty pages. If possible, please write only on one side of the paper.

Write to me about anything else connected with the subject of my next book that occurs to you. Tell me if you approve or disapprove of what I am doing.

I shall try to reply to all letters which will reach me in answer to this appeal. During 1939-40 my assistants and I expect to travel in the U. S. in connection with this project from one to two hundred thousand miles, and if you will write to me about something that will especially interest me, we will try to come to your city or town and study the thing further.

Please tear out this appeal. If you haven't time to write to me now, please put it away till you can. Show it to your American-born children or to your immigrant parents, to your friends and neighbors, not only to those of your nationality but also to persons of all nationalities ,and discuss it with them. Show it to old-stock Americans: to teachers, librarians, priests and ministers—and ask them to write to me. What do they think of the Slovenes in America?

I need your help. Let me hear from you, now or later; any time before the end of 1940. Thank you.

November, 1938

Louis Adamic,
Milford, New Jersey

Cleveland SSCU Bowling League

Cleveland, O. — Ilirska Vila lodge came through with three victories at the expense of the Betsy Ross lodge quintet, in last Sunday's bowling at Pozelnik's alleys. Vljan with a game of 247 topped not only his teammates individual efforts, but also surpassed all other individual single games. Perme Tailors made it two over the Dolgan Hardware, who snared the second game by a matter of two pins. Charles Wohlgemuth garnered a 586 series with games of 212, 160 and 214 to put the Perme Tailors ahead. Phil Sirca of the Dolgan Hardware was high for his team with a series of 554, including games of 204, 210 and 141. Collinwood Bakery made it two out of three from the Euclid Dairy. Al Jelercic, league chairman, collected games of 183, 214 and 198 for a three-game high of 595, for the Dairymen, assisted by Adolph Perdan with a game of 202.

Scores are published below:

Betsy Ross			
Zager	138	163	185
F. Sopko	116	88	92
J. Koren	125	135	191
Laurich	141	150	142
M. Krall	157	189	155
	675	725	765

Ilirska Vila			
S. Majak	150	149	158
V. Vljan	140	132	187
F. Benigar	167	158	153
Vljan	195	163	247
J. Hrvatin	190	152	179
	842	754	924

Dolgan Hardware			
Sirca	204	210	141
Conte	95	89	111
J. Kovicht	152	169	144
Blind	140	140	140
Sluga	154	193	199
Handicap	19	19	19
	744	820	754

Perme Tailors			
J. Kolman	112	163	141
H. Mestek	129	199	129
E. Rupert	156	144	136
J. Lunka	139	152	196
C. Wohl	212	160	214
	748	818	816

Euclid Dairy			
A. Jelercic	183	214	198
Tolar	131	157	128
M. Skufca	114	169	139
A. Perdan	135	162	202
F. Korosec	181	176	183
	744	878	850

Collinwood Bakery			
Kuhar	116	114	151
Zoller	153	153	133
M. Perdan	122	150	147
Stekar	137	156	183
Kovitch	152	156	180
Handicap	78	78	78
	758	807	872

Pulls Through

Johnny English

Five weeks ago Johnny English, of Chicago, Ill. and delegate to the second juvenile convention was given up by physicians to die of an incurable malady. Just about that time the Chicago Cubs baseball team of the National League were rapidly climbing the pennant wagon, and so interested was Johnny in the Cubs, that he listened daily to the play-by-play description over the radio in his bed at Mercy Hospital.

News that a very sick lad, holding to life by a mere thread, reached the radio commentators, and soon Johnny English became a national figure — a boy who could not sit up in bed alone, but a boy who pulled for the Cubs even in his weak condition. The Cubs team visited Johnny at the hospital, a few at a time, to cheer him up.

Today, Johnny English is well, thanks to a gigantic X-ray machine, of which there are only five in the country. He was given deep X-ray treatments, and the medical authorities believe these X-rays accomplished a miracle. The Chicago Herald and Examiner in its issue of Monday, November 7th, gave Johnny English page one attention, where he is pictured sitting up in bed and a nurse helping him comb his hair. Underneath the picture begins the story of Johnny's remarkable recovery, where he is referred to as the "Miracle Boy."

Johnny is a juvenile member of lodge No. 70, SSCU of Chicago.

Adria Concert

Euclid, O. — Adria singing club will hold a concert and dance on Sunday, November 13th, at the Home of Slovene Societies on Recher Ave. Concert will commence at 7:30 p. m. Johnny Pecon's orchestra will provide the dance music.

Organized in January 1927 as a dramatic club, Adria later was changed to a singing club. It has thirty active members, and holds two concerts a year, in the spring and fall.

Frank Vauter has been music director since 1932. Officers of Adria comprise of Mathew Molk, president; John Pristov, vice-president; Mary Femec, treasurer; Mary Korencic, secretary; Cecelia Seme, recording secretary; and Violet Zivko, Agnes Zalokar and Henry Sinkovic, trustees.

Margaret Halina will accompany the group on the piano. A duet consisting of Agnes Zalokar and Violet Zivko, and another duet consisting of Mathew Molk and Agnes Zalokar will comprise part of the feature of the evening's program.

A good time is asured to all in attendance next Sunday.

Adria club meets every Monday night at 7:30 p. m. in the Slovene Societies Home on Recher Ave.

Florence Bricel

Obadiah (boastfully) — I can go out with any girl I please.

Omalene — Yes, but from what I hear you don't please very many of them.

DOPISI

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rej imenovanih dveh društev. Dozdaj spadajo v našo federacijo sledeča društva JSKJ: Št. 5 v Jolietu, št. 70 v Chicagu, št. 92 v Rockdalu, št. 94 v Waukeganu, št. 104 v Chicagu, št. 124 v La Sallu, št. 170 v Chicagu, št. 211 v Chicagu, Illinois, ter št. 225 iz Milwaukeeja, Wisconsin. Upam, da se bodo v kratkem času tudi ostala društva prijavila za pristop, ker jaz ne vidim nobenega vzroka zakaj bi ne pristopila vsa društva v federacijo. Dopisovanja z zunanjimi društvi nisem imel veliko. Kolikor je bilo korespondence med menoj in društvi ter s predsednikom federacije, sem bil povsod deležen razumevanja in sodelovanja. V glavnem je bilo moje delo omejeno na chicaška društva, zaradi pripravljanja na štiridesetletnico Jednote, katero bomo danes slavili. Koliko je bilo s tem dela in koliko bo koristno za federacijo in Jednoto, pa lahko sami presodite, ko boste videli današnji program. Od čistega preostanka, gre polovico v blagajno federacije. Naj mi bo na tem mestu dovoljeno, da se v imenu federacije prav lepo zahvalim odbornikom in članstvu chicaških društev za njihovo sodelovanje v korist federacije. Blagajniškega poročila ne bom podajal, ker ga ni; omenim samo toliko, da smo prejeli od Jednote $50 v podporo, in taota se v celoti nahaja v federacijski blagajni. Kar smo imeli stroškov s pripravljanjem programa za štiridesetletnico Jednote, bodo po sklepu chicaških društev plačani z dohodki današnje priredbe.

Br. Math. Vogrich predlaga, da se poročilo tajnika sprejme in da se mu obenem izreče zahvala za njegovo požrtvovalnost. Br. Živetz podpira. K temu še br. Vranichar svetuje, da naj se tajnikovo poročilo v celoti zanese v zapisnik. Predlog in nasvet sprejet.

Br. Krapenc poroča, da je nabavil jednotin klišej, ki se ga je rabilo za program in bo uporaben za v bodoče; nadalje knjigo za zapisnik ,ter zvezno licenco za federacijske prireditve, kakor tudi uradni pečat za federacijo. Klišej in licenco bodo v bodoče lahko rabila vsa naša federacijo spadajoča društva brez nadaljnih stroškov. Zbornica to delo tajnika sprejme in potrdi.

Poročilo zapisnikarja br. Josepha Oblaka se tiče največ agitacije za pridobivanje novih društev federaciji, ter o delovanju publicijskega odseka. Pravi, da je obiskal naselbini La Salle in De Pue v korist federacije, kot se vidi, ne brez uspeha. Nadalje, da je po navodilu prve federacijske seje od časa do časa pisal v Novo Dobo, kot so tudi drugi njegovi kolegi, kar ste seveda čitali v glasilu. Br. Math. Vogrich se mu zahvali za njegovo delovanje in predlaga ,da naj se poročilo sprejme. Br. Benkše podpira. Sprejeto.

Nadalje poročata tudi brata Zvezich in Vranichar, kot člana publicijskega odseka, katerih poročilo se tudi soglasno sprejme.

Nadzorniki bratje Adamich, Živetz in Zalar podajo izjavo, da je v federaciji vse v pravilnem redu. Onih $50, ki jih je federaciji poslala Jednota, je naloženih v banki. Drugih računov pa federacija dozdaj še ni izplačala. Predlog, da se poročilo potrdi, je soglasno sprejet.

Br. tajnik prečita pismo od društva Sv. Jurija iz South Chicaga, v katerem društvo toži o slabih finančnih razmerah, in da jim je nemogoče za enkrat pristopiti v federacijo. K temu govori več navzočih, ki podarjajo, da s pristopom v našo federacijo ni prav nobenih stroškov, kar je bilo že dostikrat pojasnjeno v Novi Dobi. Vsi izražajo željo, da bi se tudi to društvo kmalu pridružilo tej novi in hitro napredujoči federaciji. Nadalje br. Zvezich priporoča, da naj bi federacija poslala dva delegata na sejo tega društva, ki naj bi vse podrobno pojasnila članstvu tega društva. Br. Vogrich se tudi strinja s tem načrtom. Končno zbornica sprejme sporazum vseh, da naj se pismo tega društva spravi v arhiv, vse drugo pa se prepusti chicaškim društvom v rešitev.

Zbornica preide na poročila društvenih zastopnikov.

Ses. Jurečič predlaga, da naj kliče predsednik zastopnike k besedi po redu društvenih številk. Sprejeto.

Br. Živetz od društva št. 66 poroča o delovanju njih društva, ter se zahvali zboru in chicaškim društvom za agitacijo v prid federacije in za delovanje k današnji prireditvi. Brata Adamich in Musich od istega društva govorita o napredku federacije, ter naznanita, da sta navzoča tudi br. Louis Martinčič od društva št. 66 in ses. Mary Smajd od društva št. 92, nakar ju seja proglasi za pravomočna zastopnika.

Br. Martinčič pozdravi zborovalce, ter v krajšem govoru spodbuja za napredno delovanje tako v društvih in federaciji, kakor tudi v Jednoti sploh.

Od društva št. 70 bratje Gottlieb, Oblak in Dremelj izjavljajo, da jim društvo ni dalo nobenih navodil, pač pa polno moč, da delajo po svojem najboljšem prepričanju za koristi federacije.

Od društva št. 92 še dodatno poročajo sestri Šetina in Smajd ter br. Oberstar, da njih društvo povoljno napreduje in da bo aktivno v federaciji.

Nato br. gl. predsednik, opozori zbornico, da je navzoč še en član, br. John Jurečič in sicer od št. 104. Ker ima to društvo samo enega zastopnika na tej konferenci, svetuje, da se tudi njemu da sedež na zborovanju, s čemur se strinja tudi br. Krapenc. Predlagano in soglasno sprejeto, da se br. Jurečiču podeli pravico zastopništva.

Br. Vogrich od št. 124 iz La Salla poroča o delovanju pionirjev, ki so zgradili federacijo, ter se jim zahvaljuje za njih vzorno delo. Nadalje poroča, da bo imelo njih društvo "Danica" veliko prireditev dne 30. oktobra v proslavo štiridesetletnice JSKJ, ki bo obenem tudi dvajsetletnica njih društva, na kar bratsko povabi vse navzoče. Nadalje pojasni, da bode poleg drugega bogatega programa in govorov vprizorjena tudi zanimiva igra, zato ne bo nobenemu žal, če se bo udeležil te slavnosti. Br. Zvezich in par drugih se zglasi, da se bodo udeležili njih prireditve.

Br. Benkše od društva št. 130 pravi, da je prišel na zborovanje le kot opazovalec. Ker pa je bil sprjet kot delegat, upa, da bo zadovoljivo zastopal svoje društvo, čeprav mu ni nič naročilo za poročati tej seji.

Ses. Jurečič od društva št. 170 poroča o delu za piknik, prihodnje poletje, katerega imajo v federacijo spadajoča chicaška društva v načrtu. Nadalje pravi, da je njeno društvo za razmah in obširen delokrog naše federacije.

Br. Zvezich od društva št. 211 priporoča, da naj bi se nekatera manjša društva v Chicagu združila z drugimi, kar je seveda samo nasvet, in naj prizadeta društva sama sklepajo o zadevi. Izrazi upanje, da se bo njegovo društvo po možnosti udeležilo proslave v La Sallu.

Predsednik Vranichar je mnenja, da naj se morebitna združitev katerega koli društva z drugim, enostavno prepusti njim samim, in federacija naj se kot taka ne vtika zraven, izvzemši če je njen odbor vprašan za svet in da sprevidi, da lahko kaj pomaga.

Ses. Vogrich od društva št. 225 se najprvo opraviči, ker se ni mogla udeležiti prvega zborovanja federacije. Imela je tehtne zadržke, in žal ji je bilo, ker ni mogla prisostvovati ustanovni seji. Priporoča, da naj bi se prihodnje zborovanje federacije vršilo v Milwaukeeju dne petega novembra tega leta, ob priliki njih jednotine proslave 40-letnice.

S tem so poročila zastopnikov izčrpana. Predlagano in podpirano, da se vsa dana poročila sprejme. Soglasno sprejeto.

Br. Vogrich odpre razpravo, če bi bilo mogoče federaciji plačati iz blagajne stroške za enega delegata od vsakega društva. Debate se udeleži več navzočih, in mnenje prevladuje, da se za enkrat še ne more podvzeti takih stroškov in da naj društva sama skrbe za pošiljanje svojih zastopnikov na f e d e r a cijska zborovanja.

Br. Krapenc priporoča, da naj se hiti z zborovanjem, ker je kosilo za delegate že pripravljeno, nakar se bodo morali diletantje pripraviti za igro in druge dele programa.

Ses. Vogrich priporoča, da naj federacija pošlje predsednika Vranicharja kot govornika na njih prireditev.

Vname se debata, katere se udeleži več navzočih, da naj bi se določilo plače za tajnika in zapisnikarja. Dasi je v teh dveh uradih dosti dela, posebno v tajniškem, prevladuje kljub temu mnenje, da naj se za enkrat s plačami še počaka. Zato br. Zalar predlaga, da naj se zadeva glede določitve plač odloži do prihodnje seje, to je na t r e t j e zborovanje federacije. Predlog podpiran in soglasno sprejet.

Nato br. Krapenc sproži idejo, da bi bilo dobro to igro, ki jo bodo igrali popoldne na slavnosti, še v drugih naselbinah ponoviti. Ker je glede tega že nekaj čul govoriti, svetuje, da naj prizadete naselbine kmalu pošljejo svoja povabila, da se bodo potem lahko naši diletanje vedeli ravnati.

Preide se na določitev mesta prihodnjega zborovanja. Predlagana sta Joliet in Waukegan. Izid glasovanja: Joliet 14, Waukegan 7 glasov. Tretje zborovanje se bo torej vršilo v Jolietu. Datum se določi pozneje. Br. Živetz se zahvali za izkazano čast, ker je mesto Joliet določeno za sedež prihodnjega zborovanja, ter ob tej priliki povabi igralce iz Chicaga, da naj ob tisti priliki ponove igro "Trojčki" v Jolietu.

Pod razno se razpravlja glede proporcijonalnega zastopstva društev na federacijskih zborovanjih. Vnela se je daljša debata, v kateri se je slišalo veliko različnih nasvetov in nekaj predlogov, na koliko članov naj bi se volilo po enega delegata na federacijska zborovanja. Končno je bil sprejet kompromisni predlog, zadeva določbe na koliko članov bodo društva volila po enega ali več delegatov, se odloži za ukrepanje na prihodnjo sejo v Jolietu, kar bo potem veljavno za v bodoče.

Br. Vranichar nadalje priporoča, da naj bi se povečalo publicijski odbor, v katerem so bratje Zvezich, Oblak in Vranichar. Tem je zbornica še dodala sestri Vogrich, Kovačič, Šetina in Šmajd, ter brate Martinčič, Musich, Dremelj, Oberstar, Vogrich, Jurečič in Benkše, tako da zdaj šteje publicijski odbor 14 članov.

Br. predsednik opozori zbornico, da bo treba kmalo pokazati kaj aktivnosti za kampanjo, ki se bo pričela s prvim januarjem 1939, ter želi, da zastopniki povedo svoje mnenje. Ses. Jurečič predlaga, da ker je danes že kratek čas, naj se to zadevo preloži na prihodnjo sejo s pripombo, da naj se vsak pripravi za takratno razpravo. Sprejeto.

Podpredsednik Gottlieb se priglasi za besedo in izjavi, da ima veliko povedati v korist organizacije; ker pa je čas kratek, se mora omejiti na par besed. Priporoča vzajemno sodelovanje v federaciji.

Predsednik Vranichar pravi, da zdaj, ko imamo povečan publicijski odbor, ni nobenega vzroka, zakaj bi ne bilo veliko propagandističnega pisanja v Novi Dobi za dobivanje novih članov v prihodnji kampanji. Ta odbor naj poleg tega piše tudi o delovanju posameznih društev, kakor je dozdaj, ter posebno še o kampanji JSKJ in federacijskem napredku. Kampanja, kot veste, bo odprta za nabiranje članov v oba oddelka; kar pomeni, da bo dovolj dela za vse aktivne člane.

Ker je bil s tem izčrpan dnevni red, zaključi br. predsednik drugo zborovanje federacije društev JSKJ za državi Illinois in Wisconsin, ter povabi vse navzoče, da se z drugimi vred gotovo udeleže prihodnjega federacijskega zborovanja v Jolietu, Illinois, dne 8. januarja, 1939.

Frank E. Vranichar, predsednik; Joseph Oblak, zapisnikar.

Chicago, Ill. — Naše žensko društvo "Zvezda", št. 170 JSKJ, je na svoji redni seji dne 19. oktobra razpravljalo tudi o iniciativnem predlogu društva št. 37, in soglasno sklenilo, da predloga ne podpira.

Dalje je bilo na isti seji sklenjeno, da se po možnosti udeležimo proslave društvene 20-letnice in jednotine 40-letnice, katero je naznanjalo društvo "Danica", št. 124 JSKJ v La Sallu, Ill. Člani in članice chicaških društev so se v resnici v lepem številu udeležili te proslave, ki se je vršila 30. oktobra. Imeli smo svojo "kočijo", v katero se je nabralo 19 članov in članic, ter smo imeli že na poti dosti zabave. V La Sallu smo bili prav bratsko sprejeti, in prepričana sem, da ni žal nobenemu, ki se je udeležil te slavnosti. Program je bil v celoti zelo zanimiv. Hvala lepa za prijaznost in postrežbo; ob priliki bomo skušali vrniti!

Članom in članicam našega društva naznanjam, da se naša prihodnja redna seja vrši v sredo 16. novembra v navadnih prostorih in se prične ob 7. uri zvečer. Na to sejo so vljudno vabljeni vsi in vse.

Obenem prosim člane in članice, da točno plačujejo svoje mesečne asesmente, da bo mogoče točno vsak mesec odposlati denar na glavnega blagajnika. Suspendacija je vsakemu neljuba in je tudi nevarna, zato je najbolje, da ima vsak in vsaka svoje asesmente plačane pravočasno. Pozdrav vsemu članstvu! — Za društvo "Zvezda", št. 170 JSKJ:

Agnes Jurečič, tajnica.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Tudi meni podpisanemu nikakor ne gresta iz glave dva lepa dopisa, katera sem čital v Novi Dobi z dne 26. oktobra t. l. Prvi teh dopisov je bil od sobrata Antona Kastigarja, tajnika društva št. 3 JSKJ, v La Sallu, Ill., drugi pa od Johna Adamicha, tajnika društva št. 66 JSKJ v Jolietu, Ill. V omenjenih dveh dopisih je marsikaj resničnega in poučnega, kar je vredno, da si človek zapomni.

Pri tej priliki naj omenim, da smo dne 9. oktobra na seji društva št. 12 JSKJ vzeli v pretres iniciativni predlog društva št. 37 JSKJ v Clevelandu, in smo sklenili, da naše društvo dotičnega iniciativnega predloga ne podpira. Vzrok je ta: konvencija JSKJ ni več zelo daleč, in ako kateremu članu niso všeč sedanje točke pravil, naj jih predloži potom odgovarjajočega delegata 16. konvenciji v popravo ali spremenitev. Ako bodo razlogi predlagatelja izpremembe dovolj tehtni, da bodo prepričali večino delegatov, bo izpremememba gotovo izvršena. Do takrat pa je najbolje, da počakamo.

Ker se bližamo odličnemu prazniku svetega Martina, ki ga Slovenci jako spoštujemo in radi praznujemo, naj načečkam še par vrstic za priliko proslave tega lepega praznika:

Na god svetega Martina
je krstitev vsega vina.

Skupaj, bratje in sestrice;
vzem'te vinca in potice,
to nam da rudeče lice!

Zapojmo, zaigrajmo,
kot poje pisan ptič,
na zdravje vseh Martinov
ga spijmo en polič!

Polič je mala mera,
vsebuje čaši dve,
a to je moja vera,
da dosti je zame.

Po pameti krščujmo
Martinov vinotoč
in v bratstvo vsi verujmo!
A zdaj pa; lahko noč!

Bratski pozdrav vsemu članstvu J. S. K. Jednote in vsem Martinom širom Amerike!

Frank Kroshel,
zapisnikar društva
št. 12 JSKJ.

Lorain, O. — Na seji društva Sv. Alojzija, št. 6 JSKJ, ki se je vršila 16. oktobra, smo vzeli v pretres tudi iniciativni predlog društva št. 37 v Clevelandu. Po daljšem razmotrivanju je članstvo odglasovalo p r o t i predlogu, to iz razloga, ker itak ni dolgo, kar je konvencija sprejela točke, kakršne so. Na konvenciji so bili zastopniki društev, ki so odobrili za spremembo predlagane točke take kot so sedaj, in če smo skoro dve leti lahko in brez neprilik izhajali s takimi točkami pravil, bomo pa še nadaljni dve leti. Potem bo pa konvencija in ista bo lahko dotične točke popravila, če se ji bo zdelo umestno. Omenilo se je tudi, da tajniki ne bodo hodili okoli članov kolektat asesmente, če bi se zaradi omiljenja pravil polenili s plačevanjem. Vsak član naj se vsaj toliko potrudi, če asesmenta začasno ne more plačati, da pride na sejo in tam razloži svoj položaj, pa se bo založilo zanj.

Dalje je vredno upoštevanja, da imamo pri naši Jednoti že nekaj let tako zvani načrt "AA", v katerega lahko vsak član dosedanjega zavarovanja premeni svojo polico, nakar bo s spremenjenim certifikatom dobil pravico, da črpa svojo rezervo za pokrivanje asesmentov, ako jih drugače ne more plačevati. Kdor je že par desetletij član JSKJ, ima že prilično lepo rezervo, če spremeni svoj certifikat v načrt "AA." Če bi se pa zgodilo, da bi kdo izčrpal že vso rezervo, pa naj se obrne na društvo, ki bo gotovo uredilo, da se zakladajo asesmenti zanj. Pomniti pa moramo vsi, da asesment mora biti poslan na glavni urad pravočasno za vsakega člana, ki hoče biti deležen vseh pravic, katere mu gredo po pravilih.

Moje mnenje je, da če bi se spremenile točke pravil, kakor priporoča društvo št. 37, bi imeli društveni tajniki več neprilik s kolektanjem asesmentov, ker bi tudi dobri in točni člani postali bolj brezbrižni, vedoči, da imajo čas plačati še en mesec ali dva, ne da bi bili med tem časom v posebni nevarnosti. In končno je za dva ali tri mesece asesment skupaj plačati težje kot samo za en mesec; zato je najbolje, da se asesment plačuje vsak mesec sproti. Naše društvo založi asesment za vsakega člana za en mesec, če se isti prijavi na seji in pove, da začasno ne more plačati. Ni dvoma, da imajo na sličen način urejeno tudi mnoga druga društva naše Jednote. To je bratsko in v korist društvom in Jednoti. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 6 JSKJ:

Matija Ostanek, tajnik.

La Salle, Ill. — Proslava 20-letnice društva "Danica," št. 124 JSKJ, in jednotine 40-letnice, ki se je vršila 30. oktobra v tukajšnjem S. N. Domu, je za nami, in zdi se mi, da za JSKJ še ni bilo take manisfestacije v našem mestu. Udeležba je bila zelo velika in upam, da je tudi program udeležence zadovoljil; seveda, kritika ne spada meni, ampak gostom. Gostov je bilo prav častno število tudi iz zunanjih naselbin. Posebno so se postavili Chicažani, ki so prišli kar s posebnim busom. Lepa udeležba je bila tudi iz naselbin Joliet, De Pue, Oglesby itd. Celo iz Peorije smo imeli goste. Vsega podrobno mi ni mogoče opisati, ker bi vzelo preveč prostora.

Tu in tam slišim od ljudi, da je bila naša proslava zelo lepa in učinkovita. To so mi povedali tudi taki, ki niso člani JSKJ. S programom smo se nekoliko zakasnili, ker smo čakali na goste iz Chicaga. Glavni govornik in zastopnik Jednote, sobrat Janko N. Rogelj, je dospel na postajo že ob 11:30 dopoldne. Kot prvi govornik je nastopil drugi glavni nadzornik sobrat Frank E. Vranichar iz Jolieta, ki je izgovoril nekaj pomembnih besed v slovenščini, potem pa je v kratkem angleškem govoru naslikal JSKJ kot dobro in trdno podporno organizacijo. Njegov govor je splošno ugajal. Glavni govornik sobrat Janko N. Rogelj, prvi nadzornik JSKJ, je v lepi slovenski besedi predstavil našo Jednoto nazorno in častno kot ista zasluži. Občinstvo v dvorani ga je pazno in z zanimanjem poslušalo. Škoda, da je bil čas kratek in je moral glavni govornik svoj govor bolj na kratko pristriči. Neki rojak, ki ni član JSKJ, mi je pozneje rekel, da je škoda, ker Rogelj ni dalje časa govoril, češ, da takega govornika bi rad poslušal ves dan.

Hvala sobratu Roglju za lep govor, hvala pa tudi glavnemu odboru JSKJ, ki nam ga je poslal na to proslavo. Hvala tudi sobratu Vranicharju za lepe besede. Dalje naj bo izrečena lepa hvala odbornikom sosednega društva Sv. Barbare, št. 3 JSKJ, n a m r e č predsedniku Bergaču, tajniku Antonu Kastigarju starejšemu ter blagajniku Anth. Kastigarju mlajšemu za vso naklonjenost, ki so nam jo izkazali pri tej priliki. Iskrena zahvala naj bo tudi izrečena ostalemu članstvu društva št. 3 JSKJ, ki se je naše prireditve v tako častnem številu udeležilo. Društvo "Danica" bo znalo to nakljenost ceniti in jo bo skušalo ob primerni p r i l i k i bratsko povrniti.

Hvala društvu v De Pue, posebno tajniku istega, ki je razprodajal vstopnice in drugo, hvala vsem udeležencem iz Chicaga, iz Jolieta in od drugod, ki so se potrudili priti k nam in ki so prodajali in k u p o v a l i vstopnice in drugo. Seveda tudi hvala članom in članicam našega društva, ki so se udeležili prireditve in pomagali tukaj ali tam. Posebej naj bo izražena zahvala družini Franka Strune in družini Johna Poharja, ki so vsi imeli polne roke dela. Hvala seveda tudi kuharicam za njihovo izborno delo; še posebej Olgi Janko, ki ni naše članica, pa je tako pridno delala za nas. Hvala pevskemu društvu "Soča" in igralcem "Županove Micike." Hvala tudi članom in članicam mladinskega oddelka: Janko, Ravnikar, Veberski in Groman, ki so nas zabavali z izbornim igranjem.

Sploh naj bo v imenu društva "Danice" izražena najlepša hvala vsem, ki so na en ali drugi način pripomogli, da je bila prireditev tako uspešna. Vseh ni mogoče posebej omenjati, toda vsi so k uspehu prispevali svoj del.

Zabava je trajala do zgodnjih pondeljkovih jutranjih ur. Žal, da so mnogi udeleženci, med njimi tudi sobrata Rogelj in Vranichar, morali bolj zgodaj odpotovati ter niso mogli z nami počakati do veselega zaključka. Pozdravljeni vsi in na svidenje ob priliki!

"Člane in članice društva "Danica" prosim, da se v kar mogoče polnem številu udeležijo prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 20. novembra. Na omenjeni seji bo v podrobnostih podano poročilo o naši proslavi. Za enkrat naj omenim le, da je prireditev zelo povoljno izpadla tako v moralnem kot v finančnem oziru. Nimam še natančnih računov skupaj, toda mislim, da bo čisti dobiček prireditve znašal okrog $150 ali malo več. Polega tega moramo upoštevati, da je bila prireditev lepa reklama za naše društvo in za J. S. K. Jednoto. Upam, da se bo to pokazalo tudi pri pridobivanju novih č l a n o v. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo "Danica," št. 124 JSKJ:

Matt Vogrich, predsednik.

Chisholm, Minn. — Leto 1938 gre h koncu in bliža se nam nadležna zima, ki nas bo držala dolge mesece za pečjo. V tem času bomo pa imeli toliko več prilike za čitanje in tudi za pisanje dopisov. Žal, da tega zadnjega nismo posebno zmožni. Kljub temu se razumemo z našim urednikom, ker smo pač v narodnem in jednotinem sorodstvu z njim.

Letošnje leto je J. S. K. Jednota obhajala 40-letnico svojega poslovanja. D a l e k o vidni možje, ki so pred štirimi desetletji ustanovili to dobro organizacijo, si pač niso mogli predstavljati, da se bo v teku let razvila v tako mogočno in ugledno skupino. Vsekakor je bil dober začetek, da je iz istega zrastla taka močna organizacija. Seveda gre za to kredit ustanovnikom, pa tudi vsem tistim, ki so jo pozneje vodili, negovali in delali zanjo. Vsak je doprinesel svoj del in vsi imajo zasluge v njenem razvoju.

Naša J. S. K. Jednota nudi tako dobra in tolikovrstna zavarovanja, da je v tem ne prekaša nobena druga slična organizacija. Njene finance so trdne, njeno poslovanje točno in pošteno. Torej ni nobenega zadržka, zakaj bi mi, ki se smatramo za njene dobre člane, ne pridobili za to organizacijo vse naše rojake, ki še niso njeni člani in ki še niso drugod dovolj zavarovani ter so zdravi, značajni in v odgovarjajoči starosti. S pridobitvijo takih novih članov bomo koristili naši Jednoti, obenem pa tudi tistim, katere bomo spravili v vrste te dobre in zanesljive podporne organizacije. In lahko trdimo, da nam bo marsikdo hvaležen za to. Posebno v tem jubilejnem letu je nas članov dolžnost, da ne izpustimo nobene prilike, kjer nam je mogoče dobiti novega člana za J. S. K. Jednoto.

Izletniki, ki so se vrnili z obiska v starem kraju, nam vedo povedati marsikaj zanimivega. Nedavno sem obiskal Mrs. Smoltz, ki se je nedavno vrnila od tam. Povedala je marsikaj zanimivega o razmerah v starem kraju, poleg tega mi je pa še razkazala celo "menažerijo" pristne ribniške suhe robe, ki jo je prinesla s seboj.

Ko to pišem, imamo tu v Minnesoti še vedno lepo vreme. Snega dosedaj še nismo dobili, kar je nekaj nenavadnega za naše kraje tukaj na visokem severu. Da bi le ostalo tako prijetno vreme vsaj do božiča. Pri takem vremenu tudi člani ne bodo imeli vremenskih izgovorov za neudeleževanje društvenih sej. Pozdrav vsemu članstvu J. S. K. Jednote!

Louis Ambrozich,
nadz. društva št. 30 JSKJ.

(Dalje na 8. str.)

RADIVOJ REHAR:

SEMISIRIS

ROMAN

Tako je prebila ves dopoldan in popoldan, šele proti večeru se ji je nenadoma porodila najboljša misel, ali se ji je vsaj zdelo, da je najboljša.

"Da," si je dejala, "nobene druge rešitve ni, mogoča je le ena sama pot, po podzemeljskem hodniku, ki vodi iz dvora v najvišje svetišče na Gori prihoda. Tudi ta hodnik je zastražen, a preoblečene v sužnjo princese ne bi spoznali. Toda kaj potem? Brez sporazuma s svečeniki načrt vendarle ni izvedljiv. Pridobiti bi morala višjega duhovna Ankamisa. — Sijajna misel!" je vzkliknila. "Ankamis me že dolgo zasleduje s svojo ljubeznijo. Za ceno sladkega obeta bi se vdal."

Toda ob tej misli se je zdrznila:

"Obeta, ki bi ga morala izpolniti... To bi bila moja prva nezvestoba, prva oskrunitev ljubezni do velikega. Ali bi mogla to storiti? Da odstranim njo? Da, zakaj ne? Če ostane tu, sem itak izgubljena. Ali ni potem vse eno?"

Zamislila se je globoko, segla po vrču iz alabastra, napolnjenem z dišečo in omamno pijačo ter napravila dolg, krepek požirek.

"Za ceno nezvestobe?"

Ta misel jo je skelela. Med vsemi faraonovimi ljubimkami je bila morda edina, ki je hrepenela samo po njem in ga je zares ljubila z vsem srcem, dušo in telesom. Edina, ki nikoli ni oskrunila te ljubezni, ki ji je bila sveta.

"Za zmago, da!" se je odločila po dolgem, težkem notranjem boju. Potem je pa znova omahnila, komaj skovani načrt in z muko storjeni sklep je prevrglo rahlo upanje:

"Morda pa vse to vendarle ni potrebno? Stopiti moram še enkrat k velikemu, govoriti moram z njim."

Ta sklep je obveljal. Dvignila se je, preoblekla in odšla ven v park, k ribniku. Bil je prijeten večer, eden tistih pred deževno letno dobo, ko zakrijejo oblaki sinje nebo in sonce na njem in lije neprestano kakor iz škafa. Omamno je dehtelo jesensko cvetje; njegov vonj je razširjal po zraku lahni zefir, ki je vel od nekod iz južnih planjav. V ribniku so se kopale ljubimke, njene tovarišice, in se lovile za belimi labodi. Druge so se igrale na bregu z gizdavimi pavi in jih krmile.

Nefteta se jim je izognila. V velikem ovinku je šla, skrita za grmovjem in drevjem, na nasprotni konec ribnika, tja, kjer se je nad obalo med palmami dvigalo malo, iz bazalta zgrajeno svetišče s kipi favoritk pokojnih faraonov. Stopila je vanj in prosila pomoči duhove svojih prednic. Potem se je pomirjena dvignila in odšla zopet ven.

(Dalje prihodnjič.)

DOPISI

Nadaljevanje s 7. str.

Euclid, O. — Pevski zbor "Adrija" priredi svoj jesenski koncert ,združen s plesno veselico v nedeljo 13. oktobra. Prireditev se bo vršila v Slovenskem društvenem domu na Recher Avenue in se bo pričela ob 7.30 zvečer. Na razpolago bodo okrepčila in za ples bo igral orkester Johna Pecona.

"Adrija" je bila organizirana v januarju leta 1937 kot dramski klub, ki se je pozneje spremenil v pevski zbor. Zdaj ima 30 aktivnih članov. Prireja po dva koncerta na leto, pomladnega in jesenskega. Od leta 1932 naprej je glasbeni vodja tega zbora Mr. Frank Vauter, ki poučuje tudi druge pevske zbore.

Sedanji odborniki "Adrije" so: Mathew Molk, predsednik; John Pristov, podpredsednik; Mary Korencic, tajnica, Cecelia Seme, zapisnikarica; Mary Femec, blagajničarka; Violet Zivko, Agnes Zalokar in Henry Sinkovic, nadzorniki.

Na koncertu bo za godbeno spremljevanje skrbela Miss Margaret Halina. V duetih nastopijo: Agnes Zalokar in Violet Zivko ter Agnes Zalokar in Mathew Molk. Zbor vabi vse ljubitelje lepega petja in dobre zabave k obilnemu posetu. — Za publicijski odbor "Adrije":

Florence Bricel.

Roundup, Mont. — Na seji društva Sv. Mihaela, št. 88 JSKJ, ki se je vršila 16. otkobra, je prišel na razpravo tudi iniciativni predlog društva št. 37. Članstvo je glasovalo proti predlogu in ga soglasno odklonilo. Mi se zadovoljujemo s sedanjimi pravili. Izprememba, kakor jo priporoča omenjeni iniciativni predlog, ne bi članstvu niti Jednoti kot celoti nič koristila, škodovati pa bi utegnila dosti. Naše mnenje je, da je delegacija zadnje konvencije bila zmožna svojega posla, ko je pravila sprejela kakršna so; nedvomno je delala po svojem najboljšem prepričanju za koristi vsega članstva. Kakršnega mnenja je večina, taki so pa zaključki. Vsem pa itak ni nikoli mogoče ustreči. Vsa ta reč z iniciativnim predlogom ne pomeni dosti drugege kot nekaj več popisanega papirja in nekaj več dela za urednika, ki mora tozadevne dopise slovnično urejevati in prepisovati. Iz poročil v Novi Dobi je razvidno, da je velika večina društev proti prej omenjenemu iniciativnemu predlogu, ki ne bo dobil niti toliko podpore, da bi prišel na splošno glasovanje.

Tu in tam kak dopisnik omenja, da stari člani, ki nimajo dohodkov za plačevanje asesmentov, lahko izpremenijo svoje certifikate v načrt "AA," na podlagi katerega si potem lahko iz svoje rezerve izposodijo za plačevanje asesmentov. To je na en način dobro, ker se na ta način zamore obdržati v Jednoti člana, kateri bi bil drugače zaradi neplačanega asesmenta črtan. Posebno velja to za stare člane, kateri nimajo bližnjih sosodnikov, ki bi skrbeli in se brigali zanje. Na drug način pa spet ni priporočljivo. Izprememba v načrt "AA" pomeni nekoliko višje asesmente. S posojili iz rezerve se pa črpa smrtnina, če se namreč posojilo ne vrne z obrestmi vred. V slučaju smrti člana si Jednota od smrtnine najprej odbije posojilo in neplačane obresti od posojila, in dediči dobijo le, kar ostane.

To naj bi upoštevali dediči starih članov, pa naj bodo otroci ali drugi sorodniki. Ako hočejo, da bodo dobili po teh zavarovancih celo posmrtnino, naj plačujejo zanje asesmente, če jih ti stari člani iz enega ali drugega vzroka ne morejo več. Če je koga dolžnost, da plačuje asesment za stare člane, ki tega sami več ne morejo, je dolžnost njihovih otrok oziroma njihovih dedičev. Da bi drugi člani plačevali asesmente za take stare člane zato da bi dedičem zagotovili smrtnino, ne bi bilo pametno. Ako si postarni člani izposodijo kakšno vsoto iz svoje rezerve, da morejo pokrivati svoje asesmente, in ako takega posojila ne vrnejo, se bo po njihovi smrti tako posojilo z obrestmi vred odbilo od smrtnine, in dediči bodo dobili le tisto, kar bo ostalo, če bo kaj ostalo. Lepo je dobiti posojilo, ampak težko ga je vrniti. Poleg tega je resnica, da smrtnina, izplačana po smrti, nič ne koristi tistemu, ki je bil zavarovan, ampak koristi edino dedičem.

Suspendirane člane in članice našega društva opozarjam, da naj poravnajo svoje asesmente v novembru in postanejo s tem spet dobro stoječi člani.

Tu v Montani smo imeli 15. oktobra prvi sneg sezone in divjal je hud snežni vihar. Zdaj pa je vreme spet lepo. Dne 1. novembra smo dobili precej dežja brez snega. Premogarji v tej okolici so začeli nekoliko bolje delati. Na novo pa seveda ni mogoče dela dobiti. Sestrski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 88 JSKJ:

Katherine Penica, tajnica.

Pueblo, Colo. — Po sklepu redne seje v mesecu oktobru se tem potom uradno pozove vse člane in članice društva Marija Pomagaj, št. 42 JSKJ, da se gotovo udeležijo prihodnje seje 20. novembra. Seja se bo vršila v dvorani društva Orel na Northern Ave. in se bo pričela ob 9. uri dopoldne. Pridite vsi! Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 42 JSKJ:

Frank Rupar, tajnik.

Butte, Mont.—Društvo Western Sisters, št. 190 JSKJ bo priredilo zabavo za mladinske člane na večer 17. novembra. Vsi člani in članice odraslega in mladinskega oddelka so vabljeni, da pridejo v Slovensko-ameriško dvorano točno ob 6:30 zvečer. Članice so prošene, da prinesejo sandvičev ali peciva.

Pri tej priliki naj bo izrečena lepa zahvala vsem, ki so posetili našo proslavo jednotine 40-letnice in društvene 10-letnice, ki se je vršila 30. oktobra. Posebej naj bo izrečena zahvala posetnikom iz East Helene, kot Mr. Louis Smithu, tajniku tamkajšnjega društva št. 43 JSKJ, Mrs. Louis Smith, Mr. in Mrs. Frank Pribil, Mr. in Mrs. Foljan, Mrs. Mary Cvar ter hčerkama Misses Albina in Anna Cvar, Miss Mary Stepcich in drugim. Upam, da so se vsi dobro zabavali in da nas še obiščejo ob priliki. — Za društvo št. 190 JSKJ:

Anna Leskovar, tajnica.

Canonsburg, Pa. — Delavske razmere v tukajšnji okolici še ne kažejo posebnega izboljšanja. Tisti, ki imajo delo, delajo po pet dni na teden, in med njimi je tudi nekaj naših članov. Večina pa še čaka boljših časov. Pri nepovoljnih delavskih razmerah tudi ne more biti povoljnega društvenega napredka.

Naša tu rojena mladina prav nič ne zaostaja za mladino kateregasibodi drugega naroda. Nedavno so tu na en dan dobile diplome za bolniške strežnice tri slovenske deklice, namreč Miss Matilda Šuštaršič, Miss Ambrožič in Miss Krulc. Mi jim čestitamo in jim želimo uspešnih karier. Miss Šušteršič je članica naše Jednote že od otroških let; v starosti dveh let je bila vpisana v društvo št. 29 JSKJ v Imperialu. Ko smo tukaj ustanovili svoje društvo je vsa Šušteršičeva družina prišla s prestopnimi listi k nam. Šušteršičeva družina šteje osem članov in so vsi člani JSKJ; oče in mati sta člana že nad 30 let. Miss Matilda Šušteršič je prva članica našega društva, ki je bila diplomirana za bolničarko.

Na seji društva Bratska sloga, št. 149 JSKJ ,ki se je vršila 8. oktobra, je bilo sklenjeno, da se povabi vse člane na prihodnjo sejo, ki se vrši v nedeljo 13. novembra. Na omenjeni seji nam bodo povedali naši kegljači kako jim gre, zato so vabljeni na sejo mladi in starejši člani, kakor tudi članice. Torej, da se vsi vidimo na seji v nedeljo 13. novembra!

Pred zaključkom naj še omenim, da smo na zadnji seji razpravljali o iniciativnem predlogu društva št. 37 in odglasovali, da istega ne podpiramo.

Za društvo Bratska sloga, št. 149 JSKJ:

Martin Žagar, tajnik.

LISTNICA UREDNIŠTVA

M. P., Duluth, Minn. — Breza se imenuje v angleščini birch, v latinščini betula, nemško Birke, rusko bereza, poljsko brzoza itd. Breza je doma v Evropi in Ameriki, od zmernih severnih krajev prav na mrzli sever. V Zedinjenih državah je največ brezovih dreves v severnem delu držav Minnesota, Michigan, North Dakota, Montana in Idaho. Divja brezova drevesa pa je najti tudi bolj proti jugu, na primer tu in tam v državi Ohio. Brez je mnogo vrst; znanih in opisanih je kakšnih 35, od teh 15, ki so doma v Severni Ameriki. Nekatere breze rasto kot drevesa, druge kot grmiči, nekatere imajo belo lubje, druge rumenkasto, spet druge sivo, nekatere pa celo rdeče, rjavo ali črno. Zato nosijo tudi nazive, bela breza, črna breza, rdeča breza, črešnjeva breza, srebrna breza itd. Običajno je tako, da čim višje proti severu rastejo, tem bolj belo lubje imajo breze. Trgovski vrtnarji imajo na prodaj tudi nekaj vrst lepotilnih brez, kot so na primer breze z umetno narezljanim listjem, breze žalujke in druge. V splošnem velja o brezah, da imajo rajši hladno kot vroče podnebje in da ne prenesejo dolgo velikomestnega dima in prahu.

Janko N. Rogelj:

Noč na deželi

J. N. Rogelj

Ne vem, kako bi zapisal, ne vem, kako bi se izrazil, da se ne bi zameril slovenski narodni pesmi, ki opisuje prijetno življenje na deželi. V spomin mi sili doživetje v moji rojstni hiši, kjer se je porodila ta ideja, katero poiskusim oživeti na papirju. Če ne bi bilo vse tako zabeleženo in izraženo, kakor bi to mogla ustvarjati vaša lastna fantazija, prosil bi vas, da se že enkrat zamislite. Za podlago vzemite poznano narodno popevčico, ki pravi:

Oj, luštno je res na deželi,
kjer hišca na samem stoji,
okol' so pa travnčki zeleni,
to mene najbolj veseli.

Kako lepo se glasi kitica te pesmi. Človek si želi iz mestnega življenja v prosto naravo, na deželo, kjer hišica na samem stoji. Meni se je uresničila goreča želja po trinajstih letih. Sedaj mislim drugače. O, pesem je še lepa, samo doživetje je prepleteno s humorjem.

Pozno sem hodil spat. Hvaležen bi bil, da bi spal do časa, ko v hribih se dela dan, v hribih žari, ali, ko zora vstaja, dan se dela. Nemogoče. V Ameriki me ne moti ropot avtomobilov in pocestne železnice, ne moti me navadna avtomobilska hupa ali kričeča sirena. Uho se je privadilo. Drugače je bilo v domovini. Noči so tihe, da se čuje šepet listov na drevesu. Vsak drug glas je bilo nekaj novega in nenavadnega za moje uho.

Ali se spomnite, kako je bilo v vaši domači vasi. Nekako takole: Do polnoči kolovratijo po vasi vasovalci in ponočnjaki, katere naznanjajo po celi vas' naglas psički, psice in psi. In kako uslužbeno lajajo ti nočni čuvaji. Kako čist in zdrav glas imajo. Čudovito se razlega to pasje kričanje, a od gozda prihaja odmev tako krepak, da bi vsem vaškim cuckom kupil posebne in vrednostne medalje. To je že umetnost sredi junijske noči. Nič se nisem jezil, ko sem se spomnil, kako je lepa ona pesem, ki pravi: Ko psi zalajajo, po celi vas' naglas. Zaobrnil sem se na postelji ter legel na tisto uho, na katerega še slišim.

To me nekoliko potolaži. Saj nocoj je en lep večer. Mislim, da spim toda le bdim. Na vasi tako zavriska ljubezni sit fantič, da se lahko zbudi sleherno dekle. Krepak in izivajoč je njegov glas v tihi in mehki junijski noči. Kar volja me oprijema, da bi ga vprašal: Kaj pa ti vriskaš, mladi pastirček. . .? Kaj hočem? Spanec me premaguje.

Nič ne bo. Vaški psi pospešijo lajanje. Pred skednjem se zaganja domači pes Pazi, za skednjem tako junaško naglaša drugi domači pes, ki se je ob mojem prihodu povrnil iz "tujine" po večih letih. Čutijo se stopinje. Začujem pritajeno fantovsko petje, kakor nam to opisuje pesem: Pa so fantje b'li veseli in so proti vasi peli. Glasovi prihajajo bližje in bližje, koncem hiše se ustavijo nočni pevci. Prišli so mi pet oni, ki so se rodili po mojem odhodu v Ameriko. Sredi noči sem moral zapustiti posteljo, da sem pozdravil vaške fante s primerno napitnino.

Zopet ležem. Skušam zaspati. V mojem polsnu zapojejo vaški zvonovi. Fantje pritrkavajo v zvoniku. Jaz, pošteno zaspan, samo bdim in prisluškujem. Zvonenje je ponehalo. No, sedaj pride prilika. Ko se tolažim takole in zapiram oči, pa petelin je zapel, danica je prišla. In petelin poje, kliče putke svoje. In krasno jutro se zbudi. Odprem oči in jutranja svetloba me kar reže v oči, tako je vsiljiva. Vse se mi zdi tako lepo in prisrčno, da sem v polsnu šepetal: Slovenec, tvoja zemlja je zdrava. Po klancu zaropoče kmečki voz, sliši se peketanje konjskih kopit. Kako uživa moje premišljevanje to jutranjo kmečko buditev. Navdušen sem, da bi zapel: Moj očka ima konjička dva, oba sta lepa šimeljna. . .

Prebujen, v polsnu postajam navdušen za slovensko narodno pesem. V začenjajočih sanjah pregledujem slovenske pesmarice. Za vsako pesem imam pripravljeno melodijo. Tako močno stiskam trepalnice, da zaidem v napev: Le enkrat bi videl, kak sonce gor gre. . .Zaspan sem tako močno, pa se mi samo dremlje. Opravičujem samega sebe: Prej neznane srčne rane, meni spati ne puste.

Res, že trdno sem čutil, da spim na eno oko, pa šfrfota iz hleva domača putka ter naznanja hiši in njenim prebivalcem, da je znesla kurje jajce. Pol ure kriči in vpije brez manire. Pridružijo se še druge, ki prosijo hrane. Petelin vodi koncert na dvorišču. Odprem oči, sonce je že visoko nad Kamniškimi planinami. Pozdravim ga: Sijaj, sijaj sončice, sonce rumeno. . .Kokošja družina postaja glasnejša. In kar iz vsemirja pride tiha želja, ki bi udušila to vpitje s prekrasno melodijo: Buči, buči, morje adrijansko...

Sedaj pa že sonce na postelj me gleda. Očarujoče jutro je okoli hišice, ki na samem stoji. Kako rad bi spal in v spanju dihal sveži podeželski zrak. Glej ga spaka! Z zgodnjo jutranjo muziko pribrenči skozi odprto okno debela in čvrsta konjska muha. Na mojem nosu pristane. Mrzlo jutranjo roso mi je prinesla v pozdrav. Tu je konec moje potrpežljivosti, konec mojega prizadevanja, da bi zaspal. Zamahnem z roko. Iz prs pride vroč vzdih: Oj hišica očetova. Bog živi te. Muha napravi par okrožnih zaletov ter se poslovi od zaspanega in neolikanega Amerikanca. Junaško sem pogledal za njo, da sem čutil v sebi zavest, kot bi pel pesem: V gorenjsko oziram se skalnato stran. . .

Zopet bi rad spal. Kako hudo je človeku, če ob vsej tej čudoviti harmoniji kmečkega življenja na deželi ne more zatisniti svojega očesa. Potegnem odejo češ glavo. V hlevu zamuka domača krava. Nekaj nadvse posebnega za zaspanega Amerikanca. Ta kravji glas strese človeške živce. Sedaj je že na mestu pesem: Blagor mu, ki se spočije.

Trudne so moje oči. Zamašil bi ušesa, da bi več ne slišal, kako lepo mi poje črni kos. Če bi samo malo zaspal, pa bi pozdravil dobro jutro, zlato jutro, dober dan, ti beli dan, toda pogrezam se v polsen, v začenjajoče sanje. Zopet odprem oči. Slišim pogovor v kuhinji in na dvorišču, kjer se pripravljajo otroci, da ženo živino na pašo. Vse to se meša v moji misli ali v mimogredočih sanjah, da slišim mojega nečaka, ki poje nekje na paši:

Pastarica žgance kuna,
v lon'c ji pade črna muha.
Pastir pa prav': Juhej, juhej!
Take žgance sama jej.

Ob deveti uri zjutraj se zbudim. Nekaj ur spanja je bilo vseeno. Pogledam skozi okno. Na dvorišču spai ponoči. na ograji dremlje p
senci. "Po
ste krivi i
spal pono

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