









# New Era

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# Nova Doba

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

## CURRENT THOUGHT

### Juvenile Circles

Our supreme president, Paul Bartel, included in his January, 1936, annual report to the Supreme Board a timely suggestion when he proposed that juvenile clubs of subordinate lodges be called: Juvenile Circles.

He also encouraged the formation of more juvenile clubs, convinced that they will serve to the best interest of the local lodges.

The first national SSCU juvenile convention held at Ely, Minnesota, last August serves as a brilliant example of the interest taken by our boys and girls in the SSCU when some consideration is given them by the adult members. The entire expense of the convention is still paying dividends in the form of enthusiastic juvenile members who, in their own way, are driving to build up the juvenile department with new enrollments.

Since the juvenile convention is still fresh in the memory of delegates in attendance, since others are looking forward to another similar assembly, and since the juveniles have become deeply impressed with the work of our organization—now the time to “strike while the iron is hot” and organize juvenile clubs within our lodges.

Give our juniors a place in the scheme of lodge activities. Allow them to conduct their own meetings, elect their own officers, arrange their own program of entertainment; encourage them to go ahead, and give them whatever assistance they require. Results will surprise even the most ardent pessimist.

We have a few juvenile clubs already organized, outstanding of which is the juvenile department of Lodge No. 116 of Delmont, Pa. With the assistance of the senior members, the juniors have made impressive progress. The club has its own officers, meets regularly and has held programs of its own. Last December the lodge held a Christmas party in which the juvenile club also participated and, according to reports submitted by members and published in the Nova Doba, senior and junior members considered the party as the highlight of social activities during 1935.

It is conclusive proof of what can be accomplished with juvenile members, provided the adults take a sufficient interest in a co-operative plan.

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The Supreme Board also adopted a resolution which incorporated the Juvenile Circle idea and a plan to extend financial assistance to such clubs.

Secretary John P. Lunka of Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 186, Cleveland, O., submitted a suggestion to the Supreme Board as the source where such funds might be obtained. Since it is within the power of the Board to appropriate funds for other purpose than that designated in the by-laws, which must receive the approval of the Minnesota state insurance commissioner, Supreme Secretary Anton Zbasnik was authorized to carry on the preliminary work with the authorities and present the plan at the 1936 SSCU convention.

At present 1 cent of each monthly juvenile assessment is diverted into the expense fund to cover the cost of administration. The new proposed plan is to increase this appropriation to 2 cents of each monthly juvenile assessment into the expense fund.

Under the present system \$800.00 a year (in round figures) is deducted from the juvenile assessments, and if the state insurance authorities approve the new plan, which also must receive the sanction of the delegates this year, an additional \$800.00 will be available annually.

The foregoing idea, if embodied in the new by-laws, will direct financial assistance from the Union itself. It is understood, of course, that the amount of the annual grant to a juvenile club could not be very large, since only \$800.00 additional would be available. However, when we consider that monthly assessments are only 15 cents for each juvenile, and that the girls do not require a great deal of financial aid to help them along on their activities, the amount of each grant will serve a worthwhile purpose.

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Our SSCU has in the past given a great deal of consideration to the American-born youth in an effort to interest them in its sports. We have the sports fund at the disposal of the English-speaking adult members.

Always seeking ways and means to keep in step with its Union proposes to expand in its field of endeavor our latest plan—to encourage the juvenile members. With proper co-operation of its adult and juvenile members, our Union will reach a new pedestal of success in its worthy endeavor.

### For Enrolling New Members

Our SSCU offers the following cash awards for securing new members:

- \$4.00 for each new member enrolled for a \$2,000 death benefit.
- \$3.50 for each new member enrolled for a \$1,500 death benefit.
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- \$1.50 for each new member enrolled for a \$500 death benefit.
- \$1.00 for each new member enrolled for a \$250 death benefit.
- 50 cents for each new juvenile member.

**From Ely, Minn., comes the report that Bro. George Barich passed away on Feb. 28.**

**Bro. Barich was one of the organizers of the SSCU and member of Lodge No. 1. Born in 1853 in what is now Yugoslavia, the deceased came to the United States some 55 years ago, settling in Dubuque, Ia. From there he went to Soudan, Minn., and around 1887 changed his residence to Ely, Minn.**

**He leaves behind him a bereaved widow, aged 79, two sons, George and Steve, and three daughters, Mary, Anne and Rose, all married. The three daughters' names by marriage are Mrs. Mihelich, Mrs. Skala and Mrs. Svetich, respectively. Mrs. Svetich is a member of the SSCU Supreme Judiciary Committee.**

**At the time of death Bro. Barich was one of the two oldest members in our Union. His certificate number was 111. Funeral services were held Monday morning, March 2.**

**May the bereaved find consolation in the thought that their departed father will always be remembered in our Union as one of the pioneers who made possible the SSCU.**

### Center Ramblers

Center, Pa.—I am glad to say our girl bowlers are still showing great interest in bowling. We had just two absentees on Feb. 18, but one can hardly blame them for not coming, since it was so terribly cold. It was cold enough to freeze my nose off, if I did not have the protection of my coat collar. (I can almost hear someone say, “No wonder, it sticks out from your face so far.”) And to that certain someone I can say, “So does yours.”

During the same evening we divided the girls into four teams of four girls each, according to their averages bowled on Tuesday, Feb. 11. They are as follows:

F. Mozina, E. Schmidt, B. Knaefel, S. Funfar.

Pebbles, M. Oberch, M. Peterl, A. Pintar.

J. Mozina, A. Erzen, M. Potocnik, G. Haveronik.

F. Oberch, A. Mozina, J. Oblock, E. McCarthy.

If any of the girls wishes to make any changes, please let me know, and we can make arrangements satisfactory to everyone.

The highest score bowled during the evening was 132 by Jennie Mozina, and the highest average for three games was 123, also by Jennie Mozina.

Say, girls, we cannot let one girl hold all the honors all the time; so come on, let us see who will beat her. Pebbles still holds high score of 139 rolled Feb. 11. Other high scores rolled were as follows: F. Mozina 126, E. Schmidt 124, A. Pintar 112, F. Oberch 105, M. Peterl 103, Pebbles 101.

The girls are doing very good. F. Mozina, M. Peterl and F. Oberch never bowled until this season. They are making good progress. The very late beginners are also showing improvement. Practice makes perfect, so please do not get discouraged. We will see you at the bowling alleys again on Tuesday.

### Anne Govednik Striving for 1936 Olympics

Anne Govednik, Slovene mermaid, who gained national prominence with her record-breaking breast stroke in 1932, again has the eyes of the nation focused on her possibilities to participate in the 1936 Olympics.

Readers of the Nova Doba will recall that in 1932 Miss Govednik of Chisholm, Minn., qualified on the American team representing the U. S. in the 1932 International Olympiad held in Los Angeles.

According to the Chisholm, Minn., newspapers, Anne “is experimenting with a new breast stroke known as the ‘butterfly’ stroke, a recent discovery in the swimming world. She is daily practicing this new stroke at St. Cloud Teachers’ College natatorium, and expressed confidence that she had and would be able to increase her speed.”

First tryout for the Olympic games, which are held in Germany this year, will be held in June in Chicago and the swimmers expected to sail the early part of the summer for Germany.

Anne is 19 years of age and a member of Lodge No. 30, SSCU, of Chisholm, Minn. Her education is paid for by a scholarship fund created by Chisholm organizations following her success in the 1932 Olympics.

The problem confronting the young swimmer of unusual ability is the defraying of expenses incidental to the Olympic tryouts. In 1932 the expenses were taken care of by the school district, but Anne Govednik was in Chisholm High School then, and her coach was the regular school coach.

According to the Chisholm newspapers, Miss Govednik has the opportunity “to abandon her training in Chisholm and train under the banner of some metropolitan city athletic club, whose colors she would be forced to carry in competition. Margie Smith of Biwabik, Minn., hailed as a back stroke sensation, has left school and is training in Chicago for the Olympics. Anne is very reluctant about swimming under any other banner than her own home town—Chisholm.”

### G. W.'s Finish Season With Impressive Victory

Cleveland, O.—George Washington, SSCU-Bukovnik Studios basketball team rounded the current basketball season with a decisive victory over the Brooklyn Slovenes on Wednesday, Feb. 26. Final score was 33 to 21 in favor of the SSCU aggregation.

Since the inception of the 1935-36 Cleveland Interlodge Basketball League the writeups in the Nova Doba were more or less confined to the team as a whole, as they performed in the St. Clair Bathhouse, and individual stars.

But the energies of the basketball team were not entirely confined to passing the ball and shooting at the basket. The team, all newcomers to the George Washington Lodge, have co-operated with the

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Autoinette Mozina,  
No. 221, SSCU.

### BRIEFS

**Members of Ely, Minn., SSCU lodges** have combined their efforts in the world of drama and will present two plays in Slovenia on Sunday, March 8, in the spacious Washington Auditorium. The feature production will start at 8 p.m.

**Western Pennsylvania Federation of SSCU Lodges** will hold a meeting on Sunday, March 29, in the Slovenia Hall of Center, Pa.

**Louis Adamic**, author of “Grandsons,” “The Native’s Return,” “Laughing in the Jungle” and “Dynamite,” will lecture at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, O., on March 13. The lecture, given under the auspices of the Berea branch of the American Association of University Women, will be based on an article that will appear in the April number of Harper’s Magazine. Admission will be 50 cents.

**Frank Sodnikar**, editor of English weekly section of Enakopravnost, Cleveland Slovene daily, wrote several paragraphs of comment on his visit to Gowanda, N. Y., where he attended the Pathfinders Lodge, No. 222, SSCU, dance held Feb. 22. Several SSCU members, including the Palic family, Joe Zummer, Mrs. J. Anderson, Klančar family, are recommended for the exceptional hospitality tendered the Cleveland visitor.

**Cleveland Interlodge League** will hold its annual basketball championship banquet April 24 in the annex of the Slovenia National Home on St. Clair Ave. There will be no charge of admission, which will be by invitation only. All the basketball players, their girl friends, supreme officers of national fraternal organizations and secretaries or presidents of lodges who are members of the league will be invited. The George Washington Lodge, SSCU-Bukovnik Studio team finished the season with a .500 average.

**Mary Govednik** of Chisholm, Minn., for the past month has changed her residence to Cleveland, O., where she is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Tanko, 1161 E. 60th St. Mary is the sister of Anne Govednik, who took part in the 1932 Olympics held in Los Angeles. Both sisters took many laurels as breast stroke performers while attending Chisholm High School.

lodge in all of its endeavors, particularly at the last dance, when the entire squad rolled up their sleeves to contribute their share toward the lodge en-

deavor. At every meeting a majority of players were on hand to offer their suggestions.

Four of the member-players are serving on the administrative committee. There is Eddie Zgona, vice president; Sammy Richter, recording secretary; Louis Skoda and Tony Zakrajsek, trustees.

The remaining five are: Al Golobic, T. “Lefty” Golobic, Frank Cimperman, Al Flaisman and Ed Zalelet.

The motto of these member-players is: “This is just the beginning. Watch us in the fu-

### Electrons Sparks 'n' Flashes

Cheswick, Pa.—Expect the unexpected. Yes, that is the rule with many an exception; and so it has been with the Electrons’ second regular assemblage of the year. I must admit that the writer’s preconceived notion of the usual “low” in attendance was blasted by a greater response, but not until a postponement and change of meeting place was declared.

“When it rains, it pours,” and so it did the date of postponed February gathering. Although it drove to earth as some mean April shower, it did not thwart the Electrons’ conclave; a full three-fifths putting in their appearance. Such a response is to be commended, and the administrative board appreciates it. We hope the ensuing months will not see the turnout of this month diminished, but the call to the remaining less than two-fifths answered. There isn’t any reason why a 100 per cent attendance cannot be had. All members will note change of time and place of monthly meetings. To insure a more central location, and convenience, the Electrons’ future meetings will take place the SECOND THURSDAY of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the writer’s home. Note change, and may we see you March 12. Let’s make it a 100 per cent attendance.

### First Anniversary

One of the important discussions at the last conclave was

### Extra! Extra! Extra!

We know a secret! It's good, you'll agree! Come to our next meeting, And you'll see!

Gowanda, N. Y.—Yes, folks, we heard rumors that the Pathfinders’ entertainment committee has made special plans to provide a jolly time for all members who attend the coming meeting. They have been holding secret meetings and having private consultation in this connection, and from certain whispers which have been overheard, it’s going to be not worth missing!

Don’t forget the date, March 19, and come prepared to enjoy yourself, because we’re going to have a good time!

Even Louis Andolsek, our president, is all thrilled and enthused about our next meeting; but we all agree he is ALWAYS ready, rain or shine, to co-operate wholeheartedly in all our activities, and he’s “right on the spot” to promote that spirit of good-fellowship in our organization.

So, here’s three cheers for our president, and a couple of cheers thrown in for all those who attend our March 17 meeting. We know you’ll feel like cheering after you get there!

Helene Strauss,  
No. 222, SSCU.

### Rangers, Attention

Ely, Minn.—There will be no monthly meeting of the C. and M. Rangers in March because of the Lenten season. The committee is making plans for a big time at the April meeting.

Joseph L. Mantel, Pres.

J. J. Progar,

Secretary, No. 228, SSCU.



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