

Članstvu JSKJ par besed k božični sezoni

Najčudovitejši v vsem letu so božični prazniki. Kadar se pričenja ta skrivnostna sezona, nam nehote uhajajo naši spomini nazaj v naša otroška leta ter nehote še baš v tem času spominimo svojih dragih, ako ne že s primernimi darilom, pa vsaj s primereno božično kartico. Temelj te navade je lep, ter ostane lep, škoda je le to, da nas je mnogo, katerim materialne razmere ne dopuščajo, da bi s sezonskimi darili izrazili svojo ljubav, ter odkrito srčno prijateljstvo, napram vsem tistim, ki so nam odkritosrečno dobri in naklonjeni.

Ko vam to pišem, imam že v posesti krasne božične kartice iz raznih krajev naše Unije, kjer se nahajajo moji dobitki v sestri. Iz daljnega Washingtona je že prišel pozdrav in voščilo od mojega sobrata ter prijatelja, iz prerijske Indiane, iz gorate Pennsylvanije, od povsod se vsplojelo sezonska voščila. Lansko leto sem prejel 213 takih ročil ter izrazov pravega prijateljstva, ter bratstva, in povem vam bratje in sestre, da je usako posamezno voščilo vplivalo name kakor gorak sončni žarek. Zelo mi je žal, da ne morem vsakega posameznega mojega sobrata in sestro, prijatelja in prijateljico obdariti z božično kartico, radi tega se že zadnjih devet let, od kar sem glavni uradnik JSKJ, poslužujem našega uradnega glasila "Nove Dobe", da vam tem potom voščim, ter izrazim mojo odkritosrečno zahvalo za prijazna ter odkrita voščila.

Naj mi bo na tem mestu dovoljeno, da se ob tej priliki tudi zahvalim našemu lojalnemu članstvu, kateri so nasipali obilico božičnih darov v naročje naši materi Jednoti, ob prilikah naše zadnje kampanje. To so darila, bratje in sestre, katera kaj stejejo. Ta darila Jednoti, so darila nam vsem, ki smo njeni člani, ob enem so to darila zavoravcem ter njih družinam. To so darila trajne vrednosti, za katere zaslužijo naši agilni člani in članice javno priznanje in pohvalo.

Ko si bomo v prihodnjih dneh ustmeno in pismeno voščili veseli božične praznike, naj bi ne bila to prazna sezonska fraza, ampak izraz pravega prijateljstva ter bratstva. Izraz pravega prijateljstva je kakor balzam na skelečno rano, o, in kako zelo potrebujemo balzama, ravno sedaj v teh mrzlih zimskih dneh ter v teh razburkanih časih.

V tem smislu naj bo tem potom izraženo božično voščilo vsem mojim dobrim prijateljem ter vsem članom in članicam JSKJ. "Naj vas spreminja sreča in zdravje na vseh vaših potih in podjetjih ter vas naj obsploj s sladkim sadjem vseh zaželjivih dobrot, skozi vse dneve prihodnjega leta, dokler si ne bomo zopet voščili: "Vesele ter srečne božične praznike!"

PAUL BARTEL, glavni predsednik JSKJ

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From the Office of Supreme Secretary

PREJEMKI IN IZDATKI MESECA OKTOBRA 1937

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 1937

Odrasli Oddelek—Adult Dept.

Dr. št. Lodge No.	Prejemki Izdatki Disburse-	Income ments 150	49.10	65.00 176	40.75	103	27.85	81	2.55	117	5.67
1	\$ 1,175.89	151		30.00	180	155.57	62.22	62	4.95	118	11.00
2	604.22	176.00	153	14.84	182	83.50	14.84	83	1.35	119	61.25
3	153.24	76.00	155	14.00	183	68.82	11.39	84	32.70	120	311.90
4	23.00	156		34.06	184	237.40	16.39	85	7.05	121	275.67
5	159.76	10.00	157	36.01	185	66.75	14.10	86	.99	122	232.15
6	25.33	158		27.00	186	131.60	44.55	87	11.10	123	72.30
9	100.33	159		13.00	188	37.90	13.00	88	13.05	124	134.44
11	227.67	161		25.01	190	169.68	17.77	89	5.70	125	67.77
12	1,015.00	162		239.00	192	106.87	178.74	90	19.45	126	187.74
13	114.87	2.68	163	23.96	193	53.27	16.39	91	1.05	127	96.25
15	1,284.21	164		23.00	194	42.75	16.34	92	17.80	128	163.44
16	18.66	165		14.50	195	57.46	14.10	93	12.60	129	126.69
18	110.00	166		151.00	196	31.66	14.10	94	4.95	130	151.52
20	37.00	167		151.00	197	37.31	14.10	95	18.60	131	48.46
21	82.00	169		14.82	198	55.78	14.82	96	4.05	132	89.71
22	127.00	170		44.00	199	106.87	178.74	97	8.70	133	73.38
25	26.00	171		113.00	201	53.03	16.39	98	2.10	134	74.93
26	20.33	173		145.51	202	102.00	174.73	99	5.00	135	18.79
27	69.00	174	92.63	9.33	205	23.00	174.73	100	1.05	136	204.89
28	35.00	175		9.00	207	102.40	174.73	101	1.20	137	204.89
29	15.00	178		17.00	209	56.84	178.74	102	2.55	138	119.44
30	131.00	179		30.00	211	29.55	178.74	103	2.40	139	38.78
31	1,093.00	180		16.00	216	64.85	178.74	104	1.35	140	112.04
32	14.50	182		10.00	218	73.70	178.74	105	1.35	141	131.86
33	68.00	185		15.00	230	15.03	178.74	106	5.10	142	42.11
35	38.50	187		52.30	221	163.17	178.74	107	4.00	143	218.55
36	139.33	188		27.00	222	165.81	178.74	108	2.70	144	27.85
37	544.66	190		104.00	225	198.34	178.74	109	3.15	145	68.22
39	139.33	198		50.23	236	29.93	178.74	110	1.65	146	14.84
41	87.72	31.00	200		23.00	53.27	178.74	111	1.65	147	14.84
42	96.00	202		42.00	228	53.27	178.74	112	1.65	148	14.84
43	40.00	203		37.00	229	30.89	178.74	113	1.65	149	14.84
44	72.00	204		39.56	230	66.56	178.74	114	1.65	150	14.84
45	1,501.66	207		35.00	231	29.93	178.74	115	1.65	151	14.84
47	500.00	209		29.00	232	40.00	178.74	116	1.65	152	14.84
49	65.00	211						117	1.65	153	14.84
52	40.00	216		66.14	233	170	178.74	118	1.65	154	14.84
54	42.00	223		56.33	234	170	178.74	119	1.65	155	14.84
55	42.05	225		113.00	235	20.95	178.74	120	1.65	156	14.84
57	54.00	229		29.67	236	33.34	178.74	121	1.65	157	14.84
58	171.03	46.00	Za mesec september					122	1.65	158	14.84
64	134.16	1		803.51				123	1.65	159	14.84
68	146.46	32.00	4	126.67				124	1.65	160	14.84
69	19.00	5		161.43				125	1.65	161	14.84
71	56.32	6		532.89				126	1.65	162	14.84
72	105.00	11		435.59				127	1.65	163	14.84
75	50.00	14		185.46				128	1.65	164	14.84
77	38.00	15		320.36				129	1.65	165	14.84
82	24.00	16		207.33				130	1.65	166	14.84
83	100.01	97.00	18	406.05				131	1.65	167	14.84
84	115.33	20		352.51				132	1.65	168	14.84
85	398.00	21		474.53				133	1.65	169	14.84
86	81.64	22		157.46				134	1.65	170	14.84
87	145.00	25		479.75				135	1.65	171	14.84
88	69.67	26		517.67				136	1.65	172	14.84
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Yvon Delbos, ki je v zadnjem ča-

su posetil več evropskih držav, je pretekli teden došpel tudi v Beograd, kjer so ga ljudske množice pozdravile z največjim navdušenjem. Zdi se, da je hotelo ljudstvo pokazati svoje priateljstvo do Francije in obenem svojo mržnjo do Italije, kjer se je ministrski predsednik Stojadinović par dni prej mudil. V demonstracijah, ki so se vrstile v Beogradu, je bilo mnogo oseb ranjenih in še več aretiranih. Trgovinski sporazum med Jugoslavijo in Francijo, ki je že par mesecov tako rekoč v zraku visel, je bil podpisovan. Iz Jugoslavije je Delbos odšel v Češkoslovaško, kjer je bil nad vse sijajno sprejet.

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SEZONSKE MISLI

Sezonsko voščilo "mir ljudem na zemljii" je še vedno in bo najbrž še za dogleden čas ostalo to, kar je, namreč želja. Komaj se ena vojna za silo zaključi, nastane druga in morda za dobro mero še tretja. V tem času divjata dve krvavi vojni, ena v tako zvani krščanski Evropi, druga v poganskem Aziji. Obe sta k sreči daleč od nas, od obeh nas ločita širna oceana, toda tistim, ki so udeleženi aktivno ali pasivno, se zdi sezonski pozdrav "mir ljudem na zemljii" brezpomembna fraza. In vendar so tudi oni ljudje kot mi in si kot mi želijo sreče, zadovoljstva, velega razpoloženja in miru.

V mir ljudem na zemljii tudi kaj dosti ne verujejo one države, ki žive v navideznem miru med seboj. Miliioni mladih ljudi se vadijo v orozju in tovarne orozja in muničije obratujejo noč in dan. Vse križem se sklepajo zvezne v pogodbe "večnega" prijateljstva, katerim ničče ne verjame. Golobica mira pa trepeta utrujena v višavi, ker pod njo so sami bajonetni in nima kam sesti.

Boj za eksistenco divja v eni ali drugi obliki povsod, dasi bi mnogo tega boja ne bilo treba, če bi bilo med ljudjim več razumevanja, bratstva in človečanstva. Delavštevo se mora še vedno boriti ne samo za primerne plače, ampak celo pravico do dela. Mir ljudem na zemljii najbrž še dolgo ne bo našel poti v kraje delavske eksistence.

Sezonsko razpoloženje z okinčanimi smrečicami, zelenimi venci in žarno rdečimi pojsetijami se nam morda na prvi pogled zdi trpka ironija, skoraj nekako norčevanje. Vendar, če vse malo globlje premislimo, bomo morda v tem našli odsev velike podzavestne želje po pravici, lepoti, blagostanju in sreči človeštva. In, kjer je želja, tam se bo ob pravem času pojavila volja, in kjer bo volja, tam se bo našla pot.

Daleč je še morda ta srečna doba, toda pri tem je vredno pomisliti, da je človeštvo na tem planetu še zelo mledo. Človeštvo je še v svoji otroški dobi, in mi vse vemo, kakšne budalosti mnogokrat počenjajo otroci, ker so pač otroci. Ne iz hudobije, ampak iz prejemanje sebičnosti in nepremišljenosti. Vsekakor, ako pogledamo zgodovino tisočletja, stoletja ali celo samo desetletja nazaj, moramo priznati, če hočemo biti pravčni, da imajo dandanes široke ljudske mase neprimereno več pravic, več udobnosti in sploh lepše življenje kot nekdaj. Ta proces izboljševanja se pač tu in tam začasno ustavi, toda v nasprotu stran ga ne bo obrnila nobena sila.

Vsaka doba v človeški zgodovini je imela človekove ljube, mislece, izumitelje in prroke boljših časov, ki so s svojimi vzgledi, delom in navduševanjem vodili ljudske skupine k napredku. To se godi še dandanes in se bo nedvomno godilo tudi v bodočnosti. In čim večja bo splošna ljudska izobrazba, tem sigurnejši bodo koraki k splošnemu napredku, ki bo vodil nele k udobnejšemu življenju, ampak tudi k vedno izrazitejšemu bratstvu in človečanstvu.

Ljudsko razpoloženje, ki se kaže v božični sezoni, je do gotove meje pač umetno ustvarjeno, toda deloma je gotovo podzavesten izraz ljudskega hrepenjenja iz zimske puščobe k lepoti, svobodi, bratski ljubezni, sreči in soncu. Daleč od nas je sonce in daleč so mnogi idealni, po katerih hrepeni človeško srce. Toda kakor gotovo bo povratak sonca pričaral v deželu polmad, tako gotovo se bo enkrat človeštvo dvignilo iz mrkih nižav napol barabarstva, po katerih še zdaj blodi, na sončne livade lepih dni. Saj hrepeni v te lepše kraje in koraka v njihovi smeri, dasi silno počasi. Ali pa se morda samo nam zdi, da korakamo počasi, ker pozabljamo, da je človeški rod še tako mlad, da je tako rekoč še včeraj v živalske kože zavil prezeval v skalnih votlinah.

Sonce in pomlad nam bodo privede v deželo naravnih sile, pri katerih mi ne moremo šoodločevati. Lepše živiljenjske pogoje pa nam more pričarati umska in srčna izobrazba, ki nas mora prepričati, da je v blagostanju vseh sreča za vse. Vsak, ki le nekliko pomaga k blagostanju svojega bližnjega, prispeva svoj del k splošni sreči človeštva. Tudi mi, ki propagiramo in skušamo izvajati bratstvo v naši J.S.K.Jednoti, prispevamo svoj del. Čim bolj se bo razširila sončna ideja bratstva, tem bližje bomo dobi, ko bo veselo razpoloženje, ki je zdaj omejeno na božično sezono, vladalo neomejeno vsa dni in vsa leta.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

z odplačevanjem vojnih dolgov, tako vse evropske države, z eno edino izjemo, stoprocentno gluhe in mustaste.

V državi Ohio bodo lovci prihodnje leto dobili posebne licenčne številke, katere bodo morali nositi prište na hrbitih svojih lovskih jopičev. Prihodnja regulacija bo morda zahtevala, da bodo lovci morali nositi rdeče luči sprejaj in zadaj. In vsi zajeti bodo od smeha rdeče gledali.

osebno zahvalil, če bi mi bilo dobro. Ker pa to ni mogoče, naj velja vsem mojim znanim in neznamnim prijateljem širom deželi, vsem skupaj in vsakemu posebej, za izražene in neizražene dobre želje, ta moja skupna zahteva, okinčana z žarno rdečimi poinsetijami in zlatimi orehi iz cirkuskih klovnov, ki so vajeni zabavati mladino. Cirkusi pozimi počivajo in klovni so brez posla, pa si v božični sezoni skušajo nekaj zasluziti v vlogi Santa Clausov. Velike trgovine večinoma dobivajo Santa Clause potom agencij za klovne in plačujejo izvežbanemu Santa Clausu po \$40.00 in več na teden.

A. J. T.

DRUŠTVE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Zverine, za katere je v Jugoslaviji vedno odprt lov, so: volkovi, divji prašiči, komunisti in Mickey Mouse.

Governer države Vermont, ki je pri zadnjih predsedniških volitvah oddala svoje elektoralne glasove za Landona, je oni dan izjavil, da so Vermontčani praktični ljudje, ki poskusijo vsako reč enkrat, in če se ne obnese, poskusijo kaj drugega. To pomeni, da za Landona ne bodo nikoli več glasovali.

Zadnje čase prihaja v modo, da nosijo razporočenci posebne vrste prstane, in delnice zlatarskih družb so silno poskočile.

Ob prilikih stavk preteklega poletja, ko so piketi nagovarjali svoje delavske tovariše naj ne skebajo, je bilo v kapitalističnih listih in na radio silno vpitje o sveti pravici do dela za delavce, ki hoče delati. Zdaj, ko kapitalisti tovarne zapirajo in odpuščajo delavce, ki bi radi delali, se pa noben pes ne zmeni za tisto sveto pravico, ki jo ima delavec do dela.

V Clevelandu je umrl Anton Vičič, star 59 let, član društva št. 37 JSKJ. Zapušča soprogo, stiri sinove in dve hčeri. Doma je bil od Košane na Notranjskem.

V Milwaukee, Wis., je po daljši bolezni umrl Frank X. Veranich, bivši lastnik in urednik nekdanje "Slovenije," prednice lista "Obzora."

POGLED V VIŠAVE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Neka letalka je nedavno priletela v manj ko šestih dneh iz Avstralije v Anglijo. Kdove po kaj se ji je tako mudilo iz sončne Avstralije v mrizo in megleno Anglijo!

Zdi se, da sedečih stavk ne bo konec. Najprej so se sedečih stavk posluževali delavci. Pozno poleti je šlo na sedečo stavko kakega dva ducata kapitalistov, ki si domišljajo, da so samo oni pravi vladarji Zedinjenih držav, in takoj se razplaspa depresija. Zadnje čase so pa zastavkali naši postavodajalci v Washingtonu, že več tednov sedijo, govorijo in kadijo v idealnem brezdejju.

V New Yorku sta se te dni poročila Ruth Schlesinger in Henry Berday, ki sta se seznanila, ko sta njuna avtomobila skupaj trčela. V tem je dokaz, da avtomobilske nesreče zahtevajo vsak dan več žrtv.

Nedavno smo čitali v clevelandskem časopisu o fozljivem psu, ki je ugrinil podjetnega rojaka, ker je slednji poljubil zapeljivo krasotico, ki ni bila njegova žena po paragrafih. Na sodišču je bil pes oproščen in še povabiljen za svojo pasjo zvestobo. Ko je prijatelj Cahej to vest prečital, je naslonil komolice na baro, glavo pa v dlan in je po daljšem razmišljjanju izjavil: Koliko hlačnic bi bilo raztrganih, koliko krvi bi bilo prelite in koliko šantavih moških bi srečali na cestah našega lepega mesta, če bi bili vsi psi taki!

Za nas preproste ljudi so razprave o čudežnih vesoljstva težke in malo umljive. Kljub temu je dobro, da jih v včasih nekoliko študiramo. Ce drugega ne bomo dosegli s tem, bomo vsaj pregnali nekoliko domišljavosti, ki včasih gneni življenje nam in drugim. Kaj je naša zemlja v primeri z neštimi milijoni ogromnih sončev vesoljstva? Kaj so najmogočnejše države sveta napram vesoljstvu? In kaj smo mi ljudje, ki lažimo po tej malo Zemlji, ki je samo neznačna pika v vesoljstvu? Pa si včasih domišljamo kaj smo ter sovražimo ali preziramo druge ljudi, ki so v vesoljstvu prav tako neznačni črvički kot mi. Ali ne bi bilo pametnejše, da ta trenutek življenja na tem planetu, ki nam ga je dala nepojmljiva narava, preživimo v prijateljstvu in bratstvu?

Včasih zaviram moje nepoznane prijatelje v Južni Ameriki, ki lahko obhajajo božič s pikniki, ker tam je v tem času poletje na višku. Pa se spet potolam, ko se domišlim, da morajo reveži o našem kresu sedeti okrog peči.

Sicer pa tudi naša decembarska zima ni tako brezpojno neznačna, ker jo ogrevajo stoteri topli prijateljski pozdravi in sezonska voščila. Vsak pozdrav, vsako voščilo mi je kot gorak sončni žarek in za vsak močak z dolgo belo brado, oblečen v rdeč kožuh. Najbolj tak izraz prijateljstva bi se rad

predbožičnem času, v velikih držovah, kjer ga posebno občujejo otroci, ki še verujejo vanj. Najrajsi je kje v bližini, kjer se prodajajo božične otroške igrače, da matere otrok potom njega izvede, česa si malčki želijo za božič.

Možaki, ki v božičnem času igrajo Santa Clause, morajo biti take narave, da si zlahka pridobijo zaupanje otrok. Zato se Santa Claus v večinoma rekrutira iz cirkuskih klovnov, ki so vajeni zabavati mladino. Cirkusi pozimi počivajo in klovni so brez posla, pa si v božični sezoni skušajo nekaj zasluziti v vlogi Santa Clausov. Velike trgovine večinoma dobivajo Santa Clause potom agencij za klovne in plačujejo izvežbanemu Santa Clausu po \$40.00 in več na teden.

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POVEZANOST AMERIKE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

republikah in poljedelski eksperti so jim pri tem pomagali. Pridelovalci pšenice v Zedinjenih državah imajo zdaj hudo konkurenčno v Južni Ameriki. Tudi živinoreja, ki se je s posočajo živinorejskih ekspertov iz Zedinjenih držav razvila v Južni Ameriki, je naši republiki odvzela evropski trg za meso. To sicer ni velika izguba, ker načršajoče prebivalstvo v Zedinjenih državah itak porabi domače mesne izdelke.

Kljub velikemu kapitalu iz Zedinjenih držav, ki je investiran v Južni Ameriki, biva tam le okrog 12,400 državljanov te republike, ki so po večini zaposleni kot tehnični, inženirji in voditelji ameriških podjetij; drugi delavci so domačini. Toda v Južni Ameriki je milijone Italijanov, Špancev in Portugalcov, stotisoč Nemcev, mnogo Angležev, Škotov, Ircev, Francozov in nekaj Japoncev.

Zedinjeni države so v Južni Ameriki udeležene tudi v gradnji cest, telefonskega omrežja in letalskih zvez. Prebivalstvo Južne Amerike gleda po veliki večini filma, ki so bili izdelani v našem Hollywoodu.

Vse od leta 1826 naprej se vsak leto vrši vsaj ena vse-ameriška konferenca, Zborovalci na takih konferencah razpravljajo o vsem mogočem, o trgovini, zdravstvu, radio oddajnih postajah itd. Pred leti so bile južne republike precej nezaupne naprav Zedinjenim državam, "velikanu severa," in so imele najbrž nekaj vzroka za to. Odkar pa je bilo v administraciji Zedinjenih držav vpeljano načelo dobrega sosedstva, so stiki z južnimi republikami postali mnogo bolj iskreni. To morebiti biti le v korist na obe strani.

Kadar govorimo ali mislimo o Južni Ameriki, si navadno predstavljamo izključno toplo podnebje, kar pa je zmotno. Pokrajine ob ravnini so seveda vroče in v primerni bližini ravnika gorke. Toda podnebje postaja dalje proti jugu čimdalje hladnejše in najjužnejši konec Južne Amerike oblijava mrzle vode južnega ledenega morja. In seveda letni časi v Južni Ameriki so po naših pojmi na glavo postavljeni: to je pri nas zima, je tam poletje, in obratno.

ODMEVI IZ RODNIH KRAJEV

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

VELIK HOTEL

V Dubrovniku gradijo največji hotel na Balkanu. Banska uprava na Cetinju je odobrila načrte in izdala tudi dovoljenje, da se zgradi v Dubrovniku v vzhodnem delu mesta nasproti otoka Lokruma representativni hotel "Luxor", ki bo največji in najrazkošnejši hotel na vsem Balkanu. Imel bo preko 400 sob, veliko koncertno dvorano in tudi razna sportna igrišča. Hotel gradi društvo "Dalmatinska rijeka" z dolgo belo brado, oblečen v rdeč kožuh. Najbolj pogost ga vidimo, seveda le v viera.

SANTA CLAUS

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

cen možak z dolgo belo brado, oblečen v rdeč kožuh. Najbolj pogost ga vidimo, seveda le v viera.

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Current Thought

A Merry Christmas

To the children the word Christmas is shrouded with magic and happiness that seems to burst wide open December 25th. Santa Claus in his red suit, long white beard and his reindeers play no little part in the world we make believe.

For days before Christmas, children walk on clouds in anticipation of what Santa Claus may bring them in the way of presents. At least, those children who still believe in Nicholas. Other children who have passed the Christmas stage plead to their fathers and mothers for Christmas gifts, and how good these boys and girls can be the last week or two before Christmas.

To the adults, Christmas symbolizes happiness. We look forward to spending December 25th with our fathers, mothers, aunts, uncles, or friends. To the parents, Christmas represents a period of days where additional money must be obtained in order to purchase gifts for the children.

Not that the adults begrudge the spending of those extra dollars, if such are available. To many, Christmas is an empty day simply because they lack funds with which to buy gifts in order to make other people happy. It is well for a nation to set aside at least one day in the year in which the main theme is to make others happy. Although some say that the spirit of Christmas has been enhanced by merchants in their eagerness to do more business, the spirit of Christmas does not suffer because of the many attractive advertising displays to buy gifts and that. As a matter of fact, the various displays seem to contribute to the gaiety of the holiday season.

The world of nations would profit in the way of peace and greater understanding of its peoples, if instead of one Christmas, four or five such holidays were observed annually. Mankind fundamentally is not inclined to killing of his fellowmen. And war is not the result of spontaneous combustion of ill feeling — on the contrary, it is the product of manufactured hatred incited by leaders who place personal glory above all else. They not for mangled bodies, blindness, orphans, which some of the aftermath of war.

Many of our SSCU lodges hold Christmas parties during the month of December, especially for the special benefit of the juvenile members.

With the spirit of Christmas pervading, our SSCU juvenile members in later years will associate the many pleasures extended to them by their lodge at the Christmas parties. Not only for the advancement of the local branches are Christmas parties recommended, to which the juveniles are also invited, but also for the mutual understanding between the juniors and the seniors. From the editorial staff of Nova Doba come the wishes extended to all SSCU members and their ends for a very Merry Christmas. May joy and happiness reign supreme.

G. W.'s Meet

Lodge No. 130

Cleveland, O. — All members of George Washington Lodge, No. 130, SSCU are requested to attend the annual meeting which will take place on Tuesday, December 28, in the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave., No. 2. Election of officers for the year 1938 will take place, the by-laws governing the lodge will be revised, and other important matters discussed and passed upon.

The meeting will commence promptly at 8 p.m. Members are requested to be present on time to a program of entertainment scheduled for the evening, following adjournment.

J. F. Kardell, Pres.

Our Friends

Greensboro, Pa. — Our friends' lodge, No. 227, SSCU held its final meeting of the year on December 12. New and unfinished business was discussed, and finally, the election of officers for the year 1938.

Ignac Benkse, Sec'y.

In conclusion I wish to extend to all supreme officers and members of the SSCU a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Nickler, Sr., Sec'y.

Eddy, Lodge examiner. The meetings will be held at the home of secretary John Nickler, Sr., every second Sunday in the month at 2 p.m.

We urge all members to attend the first meeting of the new year.

John Nickler, Sr., Sec'y.

Season's Greetings

May your Christmas be joyous, your New Year prosperous, and happy, and when another year has rolled around, may it still find us brothers and sisters and friends.

Paul Bartel,
Supreme President, SSCU

The Supreme Secretary and his Staff extend to the membership of the SSCU their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Anton Zbasnik,
Supreme Secretary, SSCU

On this occasion I wish to extend to all members of the SSCU a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. May the year 1938 be another successful one for our SSCU.

Dr. F. J. Arch, Supreme Medical Examiner, SSCU

Sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous, Happy New Year to each and every one of the supreme board and judiciary board members, delegates to the first and second national SSCU conventions, officers of the local branch societies, and all members of the adult and juvenile departments.

Frank E. Vranichar,
Second Supreme Trustee, SSCU

Betsy Ross Elects Officers

Cleveland, O. — At the regular monthly meeting held by Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 186, SSCU on December 9, the following officers were elected for the year 1938:

Frank Jankovich, pres.; Frank Sluga, vice-pres.; John P. Lunka, secretary and organizer; Sylvia Jelercic, rec. sec'y; Adolph Perdan, treas.; Mary Perdan, Mary Starman and Pauline Strnisha, trustees; Joseph "Patsy" Krall, sergeant-at-arms; Joseph Krall, athletic supervisor and Frank Zalar, installation officer.

It is the duty of every member to give his sincerest co-operation to the officers elected. The officers certainly will appreciate the members' loyalty to their lodge, particularly in full attendance at the regular monthly meeting.

Members are requested to note that the lodge meetings hereafter will be held every second Monday of the month, instead of the second Thursday as was the case in the past.

In behalf of the Betsy Ross Lodge, I extend my sincerest holiday greetings to every member of the SSCU. Hoping that the year of 1938 will be a prosperous one for everyone.

John P. Lunka

Consolation

An old farmer was moodily regarding the ravages of the flood.

"Hiram," yelled a neighbor, "your pigs were all washed down the creek."

"How about Flaherty's pigs?" asked the farmer.

"Yes."

"And Larsen's?"

"They're gone, too."

"Humph!" ejaculated the farmer, cheering up. "Taint as bad as I thought."

BRIEFS

Fourth supreme trustee Andrew Milavec, Jr. of Meadow Lands, Pa., will attend the exercises of lodge No. 106, SSCU of Davis, W. Va., to be held on December 31st. Included in the program are a dance and dedication of the lodge flag. Trustee Milavec will attend in his official capacity as a supreme officer.

Joseph Veranth of Ely, Minnesota was elected president of the St. Louis County Club and Farm Bureau at the election held in Duluth recently. A member of the SSCU, Joseph Veranth represented lodge 114 of Ely at the 15th quadrennial SSCU convention held in Cleveland in 1936. He also is the county commissioner for the fourth district.

The George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU basketball team of Cleveland took a 31 to 25 victory from the Polish Falcons, in the Interlodge League basketball series played Wednesday, Dec. 15. Jenc, F. Zak and Korman starred for the G.W.'s.

The new table of assessments to apply to all new members accepted into the SSCU from the State of Ohio after January 1, 1938 will be published in the Nova Doba, issue of December 29, 1937. All members, and particularly the newly elected and re-elected secretaries of SSCU lodges from the State of Ohio are requested to read over carefully the table and the comments made by our supreme secretary.

Included in the five lodges of Gowanda, N. Y., who will join hands on Thursday, December 23 to present a Christmas party for members of the various juvenile departments, are lodges Nos. 89 and 222, SSCU.

In Chisholm, Minn., Lodge No. 30, SSCU will hold a Christmas party on Friday, December 24, for the benefit of its juvenile members. The party will be held in Mahne's hall, commencing at 2 p.m.

The regular meeting of Western Pennsylvania Federation of SSCU lodges will be held on Sunday, December 26, in the Slovene Auditorium of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lodge No. 36, SSCU of Conemaugh, Pa., is one of the four lodges of that locality who will present a joint Christmas party for the children. The party will be held on December 25, at lodge 36 hall.

Lodge No. 16, SSCU of Johnstown, Pa., will hold a dance on December 31, at the lodge's hall in Morrellville. Gifts will be distributed to the children.

Center Ramblers Lodge, No. 221, SSCU will hold its seventh anniversary dance on January 29, at the Slovene Hall of Center.

In Tacoma, Wash., Lodge No. 176, SSCU will hold a dance on December 24.

In Pittsburgh, Pa., Lodge No. 26, SSCU will hold a dance on December 27, in the Slovene Auditorium, 57th and Butler Sts.

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Lodge No. 84

Trinidad, Colo. — The large attendance at the annual meeting of our St. Andrews Lodge, No. 84, SSCU indicates that the members have a regard for the welfare of the lodge and Union. For the coming year the following members were elected to the board: Matt Karcich, pres.; Frank Tomazin, vice-pres.; Jacob Prunk, sec'y; Mary Trojek, treas.; Louise Pavlovich, rec. sec'y; Charles Solc, Jacob Tomisch and Frank Tomazin, trustees. Dr. Freudenthal was elected lodge examiner. I hope that the members elected a good board, and one in which they can have confidence; and that for the year 1938 the lodge shall make even greater progress than it did during the present year. I also hope that the membership will extend a helping hand to the officers in their efforts to further the progress of the lodge and Union.

Members of our lodge are requested to pay all their assessments in arrears this month, and to pay on time their assessments for the coming year. At the last meeting it was unanimously adopted that each member of our lodge pay 25 cents during December, upon the appeal of the lady members.

I also want to announce again that our lodge will hold a dance on the evening of December 25th and again on the evening of January 1st. No member is to be admitted free. In conclusion, I wish to extend to all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jacob Prunk, Sec'y

With the Cardinals

Struthers, O. — Here are the results of the Cardinals' election: Joseph A. Zlogar, pres.; Emil Mikolich, vice-pres.; Edward T. Glavic, sec'y; Jennie Cikulin, rec. sec'y; Molly Slabe, treas.; Jennie Mikolich, chairman, Mary Brncic and Ann L. Radilovich, trustees. Dr. Schofield is the medical examiner. Meetings will be held every second Friday of the month, at 7 p.m. at the home of Bro. John Pogacnik, 32 Grace St., Struthers, O.

I have the pleasure of serving the Cardinals another year as secretary. I hope the members will cooperate by helping me along in my work. And the only thing I ask is the members to pay their assessments on time. I wish to thank the members for their expression of confidence in my work.

The Cardinals' Santa Claus will again distribute gifts among the juvenile members. In closing, I wish every member a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Edward T. Glavic
Sec'y, No. 29, SSCU

GREETINGS

Sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous, Happy New Year to each and every one of the supreme board and judiciary board members, delegates to the First and Second National SSCU Conventions, officers of the local branch societies, and all members of the adult and juvenile departments.

Frank E. Vranichar, Second Supreme Trustee.

Frances C. Vranichar, Vice-Pres. Joliet Ladies of SSCU

Christmas Greetings

FROM Little Stan

Ely, Minn. — in a long time. While discussing advertising with the proprietor a girl came in, leaned against the counter. A girl clerk waited upon her immediately.

Without saying much, she seemed to study various articles in the glass covered counter. A look of perplexity was imprinted on her face when she saw that what she was seeking wasn't there. Quizzically she looked at the clerk, who had colored somewhat embarrassingly. She told the young lady the article had been sold. Caught suddenly unaware, the clerk looked over to the proprietor, walked to him, whispered in his ear. "She came for the locket, what shall I do?"

The proprietor advised her to tell the girl, "It's been sold, but tell her we'll order another for her so she'll get it in time."

Disappointment still reigned over the customer's face as the clerk told her, "All right," she said sadly. And she left.

Hardly had a few seconds passed when a stout man came in, a worried expression on his face, "Did you tell her?" he asked. The clerk behind the counter smiled. "No," she said, "we didn't tell her." A sigh of relief shook the man's frame, and he smiled "Well, don't," he admonished. The picture was clear. The big heavy set man was the girl's father. And the treasured locket had not been sold.

Last week, Little Stan had promised to take the Magic Carpet out on a Christmas ride, but he cancelled this trip in favor of the New Year! Then the Magic Carpet will swing out of the old into the New—High Wide, and Handsome, Yeah!

And in closing this short narration, Little Stan wants to pass on greetings for a happy, yes, a very Happy Christmas to you all!

Stanley Pechaver,
No. 2, SSCU.

As A Secretary Sees It

Blawnox, Pa. — CHRISTMAS — how that one word has endeared itself to the world! Virtually millions upon millions seize this occasion, annually, to rekindle the flame of friendship and goodwill; and to give thought to the less fortunate, their relatives, or friends. As Washington Irving has so nobly penned, "Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart"... Only a profound "love thy neighbor" spirit could inspire such a work of art... And to participate is to lend support to Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.

Merry Christmas, one and All!

Another able penman, Benjamin Franklin I believe it was, gives us this thought for Christmas Food: "A clear conscience is a continual Christmas"... If only the nations in general could boast of such... A continual Christmas, the gateway to a certain and factual Peace on Earth—one that would erase bickerings, disorder and bloodshed... Much could be contributed toward that end were we, as individuals, able to boast of a clear conscience... Can you?... For a successful business one makes periodical inventories. For a successful friendship one can do likewise. Take stock of what has gone behind you in the year drawing to a close. Have your deeds been such that they contribute toward a clear conscience, the prime requisite for a CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS? Or have they been such that as Christmas morn arrives they tend to blight the otherwise jovial spirit that should prevail?... So much depends on the answer...

As Christmastide approaches we become acquainted, here and there, with a Mr. Scrooge... Know him?... His frown works overtime in dispelling thoughts of goodwill, aid to the less fortunate or the annual diversion of dressing the Christmas tree. His grouchy disposition is exceeded only by his egotism, and the bright STAR that illuminates the world on Christmas Day is quiet incapable of piercing the darkness of his heart. His type give added weight to the truth and wisdom of the words of an age old philosopher who said, "We only live but once, while some people only live"... Some Mr. Scrooges see the light of day before it is too late, while others do not. In what category is your own familiar Mr. Scrooge?...

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Our Supreme Officers*By Little Stan*

Ely, Minn.—One day during the month of August, 1885, in a little village, in what is now Yugoslavia, called Vimlje, township of Nemska loka, district Crnomelj, there was born a man who became very active in fraternal work. He is Bro. John Schutte, Denver, Colorado, a member of the supreme judiciary committee of the South Slavonic Catholic Union.



Bro. Schutte was 16 years old when he landed in Brooklyn, New York, in 1901. He received a compete public school education, and joined the SSCU four years later, becoming a member of lodge No. 21, Denver—a lodge remembered for having the biggest representation at the juvenile convention this year. He is also a member of the KSKJ, but has never served that organization as a supreme officer.

For 13 years Bro. Schutte was secretary of lodge No. 21, Denver a period from 1923 to 1936. Four times he was a delegate to SSCU conventions—at Lorain, Ohio; Ely, Minnesota; Indianapolis, Ind., and Cleveland. The last time he attended the convention also as a member of the supreme judiciary. At the Indianapolis convention in 1932, he was elected to his present office, and re-elected in Cleveland in 1936. During these two SSCU conventions, he served on the judiciary committee.

Highlighting his active work for the SSCU is the part he played in the organization of Colorado Sunshine lodge No. 201. He is married, the father of two children, all members of the SSCU. On the side, he is employed as a butcher, and being on the judiciary committee, one can well visualize that the meat scale is always on the exact ounce. Bro. Schutte can well be remembered for a swell sense of humor. His anecdotes and good spirits have lightened up many a serious situation. Little Stan hasn't seen him in any other mood, so can't say anything about his temper. Heh! Heh!

Regarding the juvenile convention which has proven so very successful Bro. Schutte will tell you all: "It is more than a great opportunity for the juvenile members of our Union; it helps to increase the membership of our organization making it bigger and better, besides, the SSCU becomes more widely publicized as the best fraternal organization in America."

BRIEFS

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Although somewhat late, this column joins in with the laughs incited by two recent incidents of international importane: One, the banishment of Mickey Mouse cartoon by the Jugoslav government in the local tabloid, because Mickey Mouse supposedly impersonated young King Peter. But not so funny was the tragic ouster of the U.S. correspondent who reported the incident. Second, in Germany, where the Nazi Labor Front chiefs have just issued a warning that Saxons who continue to greet each other with the old familiar "Guten tag" and part with a cheery "Auf wiedersehen" are either disloyalists or "pathetic turncoats." They must substitute instead "Heil Hitler!"

Electrons, Sparks 'n MY IMPRESSIONS Flashes

Springdale, Pa.—After a two week's vacation, the air is once again cluttered with sparks and flashes. The unusual load can be laid to the fact that the month of December is election month in the SSCU, and news is in evidence by the carloads. And so without further adieu, we swing directly to the point.

New Officers

The personnel of the Electrons changed considerably with only two officers retaining their past positions. And a close examination will discover one new member of the Electrons' unit on the officers' roster. So for the ensuing year, the progress of the Electrons will be in charge of yours truly as president, Peter Gutala, vice-president; brother Frank as secretary; John Sturga, recording secretary, and big brother Joe as treasurer. The supervision of Electrons' sports will be continued by your correspondent, and Joseph Yohman's contract to coach the bowlers is extended for another year. Joe is also chairman of the sick visiting committee. For the Electrons' chief guard and strong man, we have sergeant John Stavar. During the 40th anniversary year of our SSCU, the auditors' board will consist of Peter Tutak, Ann Tutak and Fred Jug, all newly acquired members.

Winners

The monthly prize awarded at each monthly meeting was deflected due to the absence of its owner. For some unknown reason, Paul Sturga, another new member, failed to attend the last meeting and consequently failed to win the prize. Had he attended, he would have been a very happy boy. So, let that be a lesson to you lagging members. Attend your meetings regularly.

Rose Bowl

A few years back your correspondent predicted that an old song hit would be revived at the Rose Bowl game. Remember "Stars Fell on Alabama"? He was right. Stars did fall on Alabama, but they were decked out in football uniforms. Well, once again, I'll say that the old song will again unknowingly predict a football victory. That is, it is my humble opinion that California will emerge victorious in their game with Alabama in the Tournament of Roses' battle, and that stars will again fall on Alabama.

Incidentally, I believe this crack fits in the picture at this point. One wise guy said that since Pittsburgh has no more interest in the Rose bowl, let's just call it a flower pot.

Greetings

And now, forgetting business and pleasure for the moment, we turn thoughts to the coming Yuletide season. May it be the happiest you ever enjoyed.

To the supreme board, editors of Nova Doba, the office staff and all members and friends of the SSCU, this department sends its sincerest wishes for a very happy Christmas and the best of luck for the coming year.

A Thought

At this time of the year, we all strive to make others happy. A true Christmas spirit. As a rule, whenever we make someone else happy, we cannot help but be happy ourselves. Isn't it a good idea to keep the Christmas spirit alive throughout the year. It's easy if we just keep in mind the following:

"One of the most successful ways in not finding happiness is to devote all your time in trying to make yourself happy." Isn't it so?

Stan Progar
No. 228, SSCU

Trinidad — first thoughts ran to the SSCU aggregation here. I

Los Angeles, Calif.—"I was rather wondering what happened to you, so many months of silence and nothing heard from our friend and pal, until Barbara Matesha returned from her vacation trip to Joliet and Lorain did I know that you were in California. Where? I didn't know." So wrote Stan Pechaver in his recent letter to me.

Yes, I did disappear quite suddenly. But my presence here in this distant point didn't necessarily mean that I lost interest in the SSCU. Through the efforts of Mr. Ostaneck, secretary of St. Aloysius lodge, No. 6, SSCU I am now receiving the Nova Doba. Nary a Monday morning passes that I don't look forward to receiving it.

As time marched on, many incidents I noticed came into being. Miss Lucille Jevitz is Mrs. Morgan now. Congratulations! F. J. Progar is again active with his very enthusiastic contributions. Stan has been faithful as ever, but where is the other "P" — Ernest Palic? Last week's issue of Nova Doba revealed another marriage, that of Freddie Bartel. Congratulations, Freddie.

With football season practically on the ice, my thoughts run back to the East where bowling is in full swing. Bowling here does not receive the turnout that it gets back East, where there are some real artists. Last week I made an impromptu appearance at the Belmont Recreation alleys on Vermont Ave., where I spent an enjoyable evening observing these "beginnings."

So many people never get the opportunity to travel across the country. I shall endeavor to give you a vague description of my trip to this distant city.

At one time or another, in most of our lives when opportunity comes along, some of us answer that knock. In my case, evening classes at the University of Southern California lured me to this land of everlasting sunshine.

Commiserate at departing time, I bade my folks goodbye, just barely keeping my tears back. It was hard to leave the folks, friends and those things that I grew up with and which had been so dear to me.

The trip to Chicago was not unfamiliar with me, as that same route was traversed last year by five of us representing the Alloys, at the SSCU bowling tournament held at Waukegan, Ill. Remember?

Our first stop after leaving Monday, September 13, was Angola, Indiana. Here we had a light dinner at an inn that was crowded to near capacity. I shared a table with a student of Oberlin College on his way from Champaign, Ill., to Oberlin, O., on his bicycle!

At Elkhart, Indiana, during a brief stop for minor repairs, I accidentally pulled the buzzer cord and called a C. Q. in the telegraph code, signed my radio call letters and let it go at that. To my surprise I got an answer to my C. Q. A radio amateur operator from Aurora, Ill., in the back of the bus heard me calling C. Q., and promptly answered, signing his call letters. Before we could utter "Jack," we got acquainted!

South Bend, Gary, Chicago and Joliet. At Joliet I was tempted to drop on our SSCU friends, but lo! nary a light. Oh yes, that solves it—2:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 5 p.m. we arrived at Kansas City, Mo., a very attractive metropolis of the agriculture belt. My first glimpse of the granddad of rivers — the Mississippi. Kansas State — a sad picture of arid wastelands, once prosperous agriculture farmlands.

(To be continued)

Did You Know That...

By Anna Prosen, Lodge 173

. . . In 1859 Charles Blondin, daredevil French acrobat, crossed Niagara Falls blindfolded on a tight rope?

. . . That Queen Wilhemina rules the Netherlands? Edam cheese is made in Holland?

. . . The requirements for president of the U. S. are: 35 years of age, a natural born citizen, fourteen years a resident of the U. S., and of course he must win the election?

. . . Ivory comes from the tusks of elephants? There is no lead in a lead pencil—it is graphite?

. . . John Greenleaf Whittier wrote "Snow Bound," John Bunyan wrote "Pilgrim's Progress," and Rudyard Kipling wrote "On the Road to Mandalay?"

. . . Three presidents came from New England — John Adams, John Quincy Adams and Calvin Coolidge? Grover Cleveland served two terms as president four years apart?

. . . A baby swan is called a cygnet?

. . . The thistle is the national flower of Scotland? The famous glass flowers are in Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts? Harvard University was founded in 1636?

. . . Ellis Island is the Immigration Station, New York? An emigrant is a person who leaves his own country? A person who enters a foreign country is an immigrant?

. . . The motto of United States, "E pluribus unum," means "One out of many"?

. . . The name "strawberries" originated at a country fair when a farmer strung his berries on straw so as to make them more attractive; hence, he called them strawberries?

. . . The Scotch first played golf; regarding it as a general pastime?

. . . The Statue of Liberty, a bronze statue, the tallest in the world, erected on Bedloe or Liberty Island, New York City, was presented to the United States in 1878 by the citizens of France, but was not completed until ten years later? It was designed and executed by the French sculptor, Bartholdi. The statue 112½ feet high, with a pedestal of 150 feet, is a female figure holding an uplifted torch? The statue is illuminated at night and forms a landmark for ships entering the harbor?

. . . November 10 marked the opening of another great Cleveland enterprise, a great Arena for the Cleveland hockey team? The building, a magnificent one, made under the direction of Al Sutphin, is called the million dollar ice palace, the greatest of its kind in the world? Its 9649 seats in tiers of red, white and blue, its massive timeclock, and its sparkling lobby displays are an answer to a perfect dream?

After five months of arduous labor, the masses of steel, concrete, wood and shiny glass were converted into this beautiful million dollar Arena?

. . . Thomas Jefferson, in the epitaph that he composed for his own grave, neglected to mention that he was once President of the United States?

rather liked the old-fashioned town. It reminded me very much of those typical western "badmen" towns that years ago were so prominent in the cinema flickies. People, bronze-faced from the sun, well built and a perfect picture of health. Mexicans with their sombrero head-dress, well cropped mustaches, wide ornamental belts and heavy soled shoes. A blending of the smells of fried, greasy meat and onions, hot tamales and coffee emanated from all directions.

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Sport Flashbacks

Springdale, Pa.—If you are among the many that are wondering why I chose a closed subject to while away my idle moments, I want to say this: The Pitt refusal to play a post season game at the Rose Bowl is far from being a thing of the past. It is still a very lively subject for debate.

As the '37 football season approached the grand finale, every one was certain of a Pitt-California game on New Year's day in the Rose Bowl. Arrangements were being made and all anticipated the greatest climax that any football season had ever experienced. Football experts were busy weighing the qualifications of these two great powers and conceded the edge to the Panthers. But a bombshell struck in the midst of these plans — a simple little statement that Pitt refuses Rose Bowl bid.

Of course, there is a reason for this drastic decision. Three reasons are cited as to why Panthers favored a refusal.

One. When California Bears were chosen to represent west by a victory over Stanford, the Bears' athletic manager issued a statement that California would invite as their opponents a school whose athletic and academic standards were equal to California's. Some took this as a direct insult to the Panthers. That statement was uncalled for since the players choose their opponents, and not their manager. The California Bears invited Pitt, and Pitt in turn refused the bid.

Two. Following the Pitt victory at Durham, North Carolina, the Panthers made three demands before consenting to the trip to California. First, to be allowed \$200 incidental expenses for each player; second, the complete squad must be taken, and not only the usual traveling squad; third, a two weeks' vacation, starting immediately. The school and the team agreed upon only one, to permit the entire squad to travel.

Three. The Panthers stated that they were tired of football and had enough for one season, and many expressed a desire to spend the Christmas at home. Their strenuous schedule included games with Duquesne, Fordham, Wisconsin, Carnegie Tech, Notre Dame, Nebraska and Duke.

Monday, following the Panthers' victory over Duke University, the players were summoned to State Hall. Here they were told to vote for either an acceptance or a rejection of the Rose Bowl bid.

Johnny Michelosen, Pitt's quarterback and captain, was the presiding chairman. After much argumentation, the boys voted 16 to 15 against making the trip. Only one vote barred the trip and 15 boys were indeed a sorrowful group. Only one vote was indeed a slight margin that made the decision extra tough to digest.

I believe that I am safe in saying that the majority of the sport fans have forgotten the treatment handed the Panthers on their last jaunt to the coast. But the Panthers themselves will never forget it. One cannot blame them for deciding to stay at home and prevent such a recurrence.

Had they spoken first to their beloved coach, Jock Sutherland, the Panthers would be on the golden coast at this moment. He could have straightened out the situation to please everyone. Just one word from the great mentor and the players would have stampeded to the coast.

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MY TRIP TO THE MEDITERRANEANBY Doris Marie Birtic,
Lodge 180

Editor's Note: This is the 7th installment of a series of articles which Doris Marie Birtic has prepared for publication in the Nova Doba. Readers will recall that Doris won a sixweek cruise to the Mediterranean in a nationwide contest sponsored by The Cleveland Press and The Cleveland Propeller Club. Other installments will follow in subsequent editions.

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Our boat sailed from Marseilles at midnight bound for Italy, the land of sunshine and song.

At our ship's first call at Naples we drove to the outskirts of the city and then a seventeen-mile stretch on the autostrada (a three-car road with no intersection) to the ruins of Pompeii. It was a thrill to walk in those ancient narrow streets in which Romans, glorious and otherwise walked almost nineteen hundred years ago when that terrific flow of hot lava came rushing down and buried them on the spot. The walls of this former city of splendor are still intact and the uneven brick roads could, if need be, endure many more years of use. However, they were built for chariots and I doubt if the motorist would be able to drive through the narrow lanes. Then, too, at every crossing there would be the raised blocks of stone to be avoided that were placed there for the convenience of the pedestrians. When it rained, they could walk from the curb onto these stepping stones without getting their dainty slippers soaked. Practically the entire city has been excavated and the buildings, temples, private villas, theatres, etc., are all open to the public. We saw, among other things, the large outdoor amphitheatre with the remains of seats still in place in the semi-circle on the hillside.

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From there we drove to a large hotel and had some refreshments on the vine-covered piazza. A number of musicians entertained us with such familiar tunes as "Santa Lucia," "Ciribiribim," and other Neopolitan folk songs.

We continued by Amalfi by way of a winding road along high cliffs, overlooking the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean. Here and there we saw tiny cottages peeping up amid terrace hillsides of olive and orange trees. The panorama of the shoreline with a fiery sun gleaming above the mountains beyond the shimmering sea is one of unforgettable beauty.

We reached Amalfi in time for a typical Italian meal of delicious spaghetti. Again we ate to the tune of talented players. A youngster scarcely more than twelve years old rendered several vocal solos in a mellow voice that was really remarkable. As a lover of music, especially this kind, I enjoyed it immensely and would have loved to have simply listened to it for hours; but on a sight-seeing tour one's time is limited and we had to be on our way to Sorrento.

Once there, we strolled leisurely down the street to the souvenir shops. It was interesting to note the old style horse

pat had a great weakness for whiskey, and the judge was trying to reform him.

"Pat Murphy," he said, "the next drop of you drink will probably put you into a mouse!"

"What!" gasped Pat. "mean that if Oi touch small one Oi'll turn mouse?"

"Quite possibly," said the judge trying hard to smile.

Pat at once put on his coat and made for the door.

"Ah," said the other judge, "so you are going off to sign the pledge, are you?"

"No fear," cried Pat, "going home to drown

Lodge No. 5

Soudan, Minn.—Members of St. Barbara's lodge, No. 5, CU are requested to be present at our next regular meeting to be held Dec. 26, at 1:10 p.m. And as also the annual meeting, members will be subject

to a light lunch and

ments will follow our me

An invitation is ex

our ladies of the lodge</

KNUT HAMSEN:

BLAGOSLOV ZEMLJE

(Prevedel Rudolf Kresal)

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Čas je mineval, zima je minevala, spet pride pomlad. Seveda je moral Izak nekega dne nujno v vas. Vprašali so ga, kaj bo tam. Jaz sam prav ne vem, je dejal. Toda voz je zelo lepo osnail, postavil nanj sedalo in se odpeljal. In seveda je imel pri sebi razne jedi za Elizeja na Storborgu. Saj s Selanrae se nikoli ni odpeljal voz, ki bi ne vzel s seboj česarkoli za Elizeja.

Kadar se je Izak peljal dol si kozi puščobo, tedaj ni bil to kak brezpomemben dogodek; on sam je storil to le redkokdaj, običajno je šel Sivert namesto njega. Na prvih dveh naselbinah so na vratih koče stali ljudje in dejali: To je sam Izak, bi le rad vedel, zakaj se danes pelje. Ko je došpel na Maeland, je videl pod oknom Barbro z otrokom v narcetu, in ko ga je ona ugledala, je mislila: to je sam Izak!

Prišel je na Storborg in ustavil: E! Ali je Elizej doma? — Iz hiše je stopil Elizej. Kajpada, doma je, še ni odpotoval, ampak odpotoviti namerava, nastopiti hoče pomladanski izlet v mesta na jugu. — Tukaj-le ti nekaj mati pošilja, je dejal oče. Jaz ne vem, kaj je, pa ne bo nič posebnega. — Elizej je vzel posode, se zahvalil in vprašal: Ali nimaš zame kakega pisma ali kaj posebnega? — Pač, je odgovoril oče in iskal po svojih žepih. Najbrž je od male Rebeke — Elizej je dobil pismo, češkal je nanj, videl, da je bilo lepo debelo in vprašal očeta: Kaka škoda, da si prišel tako kmalu, dva dni prekmalu. Vendar če hočeš malce počakati, vzameš moj kovčeg, lahko takoj s seboj.

Izak je stopil z voza in privezel konja. Potem je napravil majhno pot čez polja. Mali prodajalec Andresen ni bil slab pojedelec na Elizejevi kmetiji. Ze res, da mu je Sivert hodil pomagat s konji s Selanrae, toda osuševal je tudi na lastno pest in si najel nekega moža, ki je jarke obložil s kamenjem. To leto ni bilo treba na Storborgu kupovati nič klaje in prihodnje leto postaviti Elizej v hlev že nemara lastnega konja. Za to se je moral zahvaliti Andresonovemu veselju do pojedelstva.

Cez nekaj časa je Elizej zavpil, da je kovčeg naložen in pripravljen. On sam je stal tudi pripravljen in je hotel z vozom. Na sebi je imel lepo modro obleko in okrog vrata je nosil bel ovratnik, galoše na nogah, palico v roki. Vsakekdar pride tako daleč kakor dva dni prezgodaj za poštno ladjo, pa nič ne de, saj tako delgo lahko počaka v vasi, prav vseeno je, kje se drži.

Oče in sin sta se odpeljala. Prodajalec Andresen je stal pri vratih in jima željal: Srečno pot!

Oče je bil za sina v skribeh in mu je hotel prepustiti ves sedež, toda Elizej je to tako odločno odklonil in sedel poleg očeta. Privozila sta mimo Širokoga razgleda, tedaj se je Elizej iznenadoma spomnil, da je nekaj pozabil. Prrr! Kaj pa? je vprašal oče. O, bil je dežnič, Elizej je pozabil dežnik, tega ni mogel odkrito povedati, zato je samo dejal: Zdaj ni več ne pomaga, pozeni! — Kaj ne bova obrnila?

— Ne, kar poženi! — toda bila je vražja zadeva, da je le mogel biti tako pozabljen! To je prišlo zaradi velike naglice, ker je oče hodil po poljih in ga čakal. Zdaj pa si bo moral Elizej, ki pride v Drontheim, kupiti nov dežnik. A nič ne de, če bo imel dva dežnika. Ampak tako jezen je bil na samega sebe, da je skočil z voza in hodil za njim.

Na ta način se nista mogla veliko pogovarjati, ker je oče moral zdaj za vsako besedo pogledati čez ramo. Oče je vprašal: Kako dolgo pa te ne bo? in Elizej je odgovoril: Okoli tri do štiri tedne. Izak se je čudil, kako da ljudje v velikih mestih ne zaidejo, ampak Elizej mu je dejal, da je že sam vajen velikih mest, on da še ni nikoli začel. — Cez nekaj časa pa je menjal oče, da je sramota, ker sam sedi na vozu in je dejal: Zdaj moraš ti nekaj časa voziti, jaz nečem nič več. Elizej pa ni hotel za nobeno ceno očeta prepoditi s sedeža in je rajši sam spet prisodel k njemu. Ali poprej sta še iz očetove lepe zaloge živeža južnega. Potem sta vozila dalje.

Nazadnje sta le prišla k naselbinam, ki sta ležali najdalje v dolini in takoj sta videla, da sta bila blizu vasi. Pri novih naselbinah so mala okna, ki so iz zibel gledala na cesto, res imela hele zavesne in v sleme senika je bil zasajan majhen drog za razstavo na čast sedemnajstemu maju. — To je sam Izak, so dejali ljudje na naselbinah, ko so videli potujoča.

Nazadnje se je Elizej le otrezel misli o samemu sebi in svojih zadevah, da je vprašal: Kaj pa danes prav za prav namerava? — Hm! prav za prav nič posebnega, je odvrnil oče. Toda saj je Elizej itak odnetoval, tako ni moglo nič škoditi, če je izvedel, kaj oče namerava. — Po kovačevu Jenzino grem, je pojasnil oče, da je res prižnal. — Kaj se moraš sam trudit; kaj bi se ne bil mogel peljati Sivert? je vprašal Elizej. — Vidite, Elizej tudi ni razumeel, on je torej menil, da pojde Sivert z vozom po Jenzino potem, ko je bila tako prevzetna in šla s Selanrae stran.

Ne, zadnje leto se košnja kar ni hotela zganiti. Inger se je svoje oblube vsekakor zelo držala. Leopoldina je storila svoje in zraven so imeli še grable, ki jih je vlekel konj. Toda trava je bila deloma težki pasji rep in travniki oddaljeni daleč od hiše. Selanrae je bila zdaj veliko posestvo, ženske so imele zdaj druga dela dovolj, pa ne da bi grabile; oskrbovati je bilo treba vso živino, južine so morale biti pripravljene o pravem času, morale so mesti maslo in delati sir, prav tako je bilo treba prati in peči, mati in hči sta kar prehudo delali. Takega poletja Izak ni hotel še enkrat doživeti, kratko in malo je odločil, da naj Jenzina spet pride, če je prosta in če bo hotela. Inger ni zdaj tudi nič več nasprotovala, spampetovala se je spet in dejala: Zastran mene stor, kaker hočeš. O, Inger je bila zdaj volnejša, to ni majhna stvar, če se človeku spet povrne njegova izgubljena pamet. Ingru ni bilo nič več treba skrivati kakega vročega ognja, nič več ji ni bilo treba brzdati notranje strasti; zima jo je bila ohladila, ognja je imela le še toliko, da ga je bilo za domačo potrebo. Zdaj je pričenjala debeleti, bila je lepa in postavna. Bilo je čudno, kako malo se je postavala, ona se ni postopoma starala in venela, nemara zato ne, ker se je bila še tako pozno razvetela. Bog ve, odtek vse prihaja, nobena stvar nima samo enega vzroka, vse ima celo vrsto vzrokov! In kaj Inger ni imela največje hvale pri kovačevi ženi?

(Dalje prihodnjih)

A. J. Terbovec:

Božična razstava

Poznojesenskega dne sem imel neke opravke v mestni hiši. Ko sem iz masivnega sivega poslopja spet stopil na prost, so mi mehki jesenski sončni žarki, posladkani z zadnjimi poljubi poslavljajočega se indijanskega poletja, tako ugajali, da sem si zaželet nekoliko izprehoda. Saj nas bo zima kmalu potisnila v težke plašče, in kdo se bo sprejhal v snegu, zavit ko mumija! Jaz že ne, me preveč rado zebre. Krenem torej okoli vogala in zavijem v smeri, kjer se je pretekel poletje poletja košatala Velikojeverska razstava.

Zamikalo me je videti, kako je zdaj na prostoru bivše razstave. Kmalu sem bil na zvišenem kraju, odkoder sem mogel pregledati skor vses prostor pokojne razstave. Na lev strani je še nekaj poslopja, katera baje namegravajo ohraniti do prihodnjega leta za perutninsko razstavo ali nekaj podobnega. Floridski paviljon je razdeljan in odpeljan. Nekatero otožne palme še stojijo tam, pričakajoče nezaslužene usode, ki jo kmalu prineso ostri kanadski vetrovi preko jezera Erie. Na desno pa je samo opustošenje. Le tu in tam še stoji del poslopja, tu in tam kakšen drog. Po cesti, ki je skoro edina še ohranila svoje dostojanstvo, se pomeka tovorni avtomobil, na ložen z lesom podprtih poslopja. Od nekog turobno odmevajo udarci kladiva, ki razbijajo še azdnje, kar je ostalo od poslovnega.

"Res je nekaj posebnega," pričema prijatelj in izprazni čas. "Daj, izpij, pri sveži pijači boš lažje poslušal!"

"Kakor sem ti menda že pravil, sem uslužben pri telegrafski družbi in ta poslu me je že nosil po različnih krajinah dežele. Zdaj sem, z malimi presledki, že pričelno dve leti v Clevelandu. Pred petimi leti sem bil v tem mestu Birminghamu v Alabami, v objektu deželi črncev, kjer se jim sicer ne cedi med in mleko, vendar se tam menda najbolj domače počutijo, ker se zdi, da tvorijo večino prebivalstva, vsaj izven velikih mest. Tam se iz postavljanja in šikaniranja črncev zrcali še marsikad odsev nekdanje sužnosti, kar se meni ni zdelo prav. Saj so črnci tudi ljudje, ki niso sami krivi, da so drugačne polti kot mi, poleg tega pa tudi niso niti oni niti njihovi predniki prostovoljno prišli v to deželo, kakor smo prišli mi.

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"Teh omejitev in skrbi hvalobogu še ne poznam," pravi Peter z vedrim nasmehom. "Moja prijazna sobica me bo gostoljubno in brez besede sprejela, kadar koli pride, zajtrki, kosila in večerje me pa čakajo, kot tebe, v tistih gostilnah in restavracijah, ki so mi bližje in ki mi bolj ugajajo."

"Oprosti, mislil sem, da si oženjen," se opravičujem.

"Seveda, lahko bi že bil," počima prijatelj in se pomenjivo nasmehe. "Da nisem, se imam zahvaliti neki razstavi, ki sem jo videl v vsem razkošju in potem enkrat tudi v njenem razdeljanju. In tisto je bila sreča zame;

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Pogledal sem ga začudeno in spet nisem vedel, kaj bi rekel. V tem sva prišla do gostilne, kjer sva izbrala mizico v kotu. Po večerji sva si naročila vsak čas po pivo, nakar sva se poslužila še neizgibnega nikotina. Tobačni dim pa je idealni stimulant za razvoj pogovora. Da napeljem razgovor spet na razstav, vprašam prijatelja, če je videl svetovno razstavo v Chicagu.

"Po božičnih praznikih me je moj predstojnik vprašal, če ne želi hotel iti za par mesecev v mesto Mobile, da nadzorujem neko delo. Meni da je lažje kot oženjenim. Obljubil sem takoj, ker Mobile je lepo mesto ob Mehikiškem zalivu in zima je tam neoznana. Sicer tudi v Birminghamu niso ostre zime, toda nizje na jugu so še prijetnejše. Mriža pa se vedno rad izognem, če le m' em.

"V mestu Mobile sem se m' dil nekako tri mesece. Ko sem se vrnih v Birmingham, se je tudi tam že budila pomlad in vijolice so že duhete iz vrtov.

"Drugo jutro po moji vrtnitvi sem se napotil proti hiši moje boginje nekoliko bolj zgoda, da bi gotovo še dobil doma in potem spremil na delo. Z vrvov telefonskih drogov so vriskali ameriški škrnjanci in tudi jaz bi bil najrajsi vriskal. V prazničnem razpoloženju sem došpel do vrtne ogripe, ob kateri se je košatil visok vedno zelen grm. V tistem hipu je pri zadnjih vratih pribeljal na vrt napol oblečeno dekle, krčevito jogakajoče, za njo pa z metlo v rokah moja boginja, umazana, razkušana, pomanjkljivo oblečena in v pošvedenih copatah. Videla me ni, ker sem stal kakor vkon za visokim grmom. Deklete, ki se je skrilo v vrtu uto, je obkladala z najgršimi priimki. Nato je zaloputnila vrata in iz hiše sem slišal kričanje: "Stari ljudje niste za drugo pri hiši kot za sebiti, za napotje in da potubo dajete otrokom!" To je veljalo njeni materi. Taka boginja!

"Več kaj, Peter," pravim kar naravnost, "zdaj sem pa res razveden zakaj te tako zanimajo razvaline ali opustošenja razstave. Za tem mora biti nekaj poslovnega."

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"Se tisti dan sem se ponudil, da prevzamem novo službeno mesto višje proti severu, v Indiani. S tem sem ustregel predstojniku, še bolj pa tovarišem, ki si niso že zeleni preselitve. Razstava v Birminghamu je bila zame razkopana in je nisem hotel več videti. Od prijatelja sem pozneje izvedel, da je mati moje boginje podedovala znano premoženje po svoji sestri, se preselila v drugo mesto in vzela tudi svojega vnukinja s seboj. To poročilo me je razveselilo, po razmerah moje boginje pa nisem vprašal.

"Razstave, in sicer razstave vseh vrst pa še vedno rad ogledujem in uživam njihovo razkošje; s primernimi rezervacijami, seveda. Iz vsega navedenega bo zdaj tudi tebi jasno, zakaj mi nudijo užitek tudi razkopalne razstave!"