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KRATEK TEDENSKI PREGLED

Slovenska šola S. N. Doma v Clevelandu priredi tudi letos, kar vsako leto, zanimivo božično na božični večer, to je decembra. Tu rojeni fanti in deklici, ki pojavijo Slovensko šolo, bodo uporabili dve igriki mladinski igri in zapeli lepih slovenskih popevk, kar bo sledila seveda delitev daril.

Božičnica slovenske mladinske šole S. N. Doma v Clevelandu je bila še vsako leto lepa prisrčna prireditev, prijetna privlačna za otroke in stare. Nedvomno bo tudi letos vabilo vse, ki se zanimajo za menito delo Slovenske šole S. N. Doma in ki hočejo par ur nega božičnega veselja decotri, ki še ne poznajo sveta. Vstopnice bodo 50 centov v program se bo ob 7:15 ter se konpred 10. uro zvečer, tako, da bo vsak imel dovolj časa domače božičevanje.

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SADJE IN ZELENJAVA

ZNIŽANJE DELOVNEGA časa na 40 ur v tednu za vse zvezne uslužbence določa predloga, katero je vložil kongresnik Fitzpatrick iz New Yorka v zveznem kongresu. Glasom te predloga bi zvezni uslužbenci dobivali dosedanje plača, kljub skrajšanju delovnega časa.

V WASHINGTONU je v tem času zelo malo predbožične harmonije glede odpomoči za brezposelnost in splošno depresijo. Predsednik Hoover priporoča, zbornica reprezentantov sprejme drugo in zvezni senat glasuj zopet za drugačno predlogo.

VEČ ORGANIZACIJ, ki zagovarjajo prohibicijo, je imeno zborovanje pretečen teden. Vse so odločno proti temu, da bi se dalo prohibicijsko vprašanje ljudstvu na glasovanje.

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DANAŠNJI JERUZALEM

V Zedinjenih državah se predla in použije ogromne množine sadja in zelenjava. Povprečna kosila brez sadja in zelenjava si skoraj predstavlja moremo. V vsakem količkaj večjem mestu Zedinjenih držav se dobi sveže sadje in zelenjava vsak čas leta. Za to se imamo zahtevali deloma rastlinjam, v glavnem pa južnim državam te velike republike, kjer zime ne pozna; seveda, brez dobrih prometnih zvezbi jug ne more zakladati severa s svojim sadjem in zelenjavo v zimski sezoni.

Večina sadja, ki se porabi v tej deželi, je pridelana doma. Importira se le sadje tropičnih krajev, kot banane in pineapples, dalje kostanj, nekaj orehov, lešnikov, oranž, dateljev, itd. Zgodaj spomladi se importira tudi sveže grozdje iz Južne Amerike.

Družava vzhoda, srednjega zapada in zahoda se pridelava mnogo jabolk, hrušek, sлив, breskev in raznega drugačnega sadja. To pokrije vse domače potrebe poletja, jeseni in deloma zime. Isto velja glede zelenjave, kot salate, paradižnikov, kumarice, zelenle, fižole, kolerače, itd. Država Washington slovi radi svojih krasnih jabolk po vsej Ameriki, ampak celo daleč v inozemstvo.

Posebno pozornost pa posvečajo pridelovanju sadja in zelenjave v naših južnih državah, kjer je mogoče pridelovati gotovo vrste zelenjave tudi v zimskem času, ko prinaša dobre cene, in kjer uspevajo tudi južni sadeži, kot oranže, grapefruit, datelji, mandelji, itd. Razni evropski posetniki soglavajo v izjavah, da je tudi v zimskem času sveže sadje in zelenjava poceni po vsej tej prosti strani deželi. K temu pomagajo dobre hladne shrambe in pa hitra v dobrinu prometna sredstva.

Tako si zamore na primer povprečna ameriška družina, ki vsi v srednjih razmerah, prizvičiti za božične praznike, poleg suhega in vkuhanega sadja, mandeljev, dateljev, lešnikov in raznih vrst orehov tudi sveže grozdje, oranže, grapefruit, olive, hruške, jabolka, sveže jagode, paradižnike, svež stročji fižol in grah, redkvico, mlandečebulico, karfijole, artičoke, salato vseh vrst, itd. In vse to je zrastlo v Zedinjenih državah: Največ je seveda zrastlo v naših južnih državah, posebno v Californiji in Floridi, pa hitra v dobrinu prometna sredstva.

V okolici Jeruzalema je bilo zgrajenih okoli 80 novih cest. Vse so tukovane po ameriškem načinu in s pomočjo ameriških strojev, široke in zgrajene za avtomobilski promet. Ko so Anglezi prevzeli Palestino od Turkov, bil je v deželi en sam avtomobil, danes pa jih je vičeti povsod. Samo lansko leto jih je bilo importiranih nad 1000, in sicer največ iz Amerike.

Modernizacija Jeruzalema se posvetuje z ameriškim kapitalom. Denar so dale na razpolago ameriške banke in ameriški Jude. Iniciativa za modernizacijo Jeruzalema izhaja v glavnem od Judov, posebno od ameriških. Pa tudi Anglia se zaveda velike politične in strategične važnosti modernega Jeruzalema. Da je mesto res popolnoma modernizirano, kaže že dejstvo, da ima tudi letališče.

PALESTINA

Liga narodov je izročila mandat nad Palestino Angliji leta 1923. Dežela zavzema okrog 9,000 kvadratnih milij površine in šteje okrog 900,000 prebivalcev, izmed katerih je do 80% muslimanov. Oficijelni jeziki so angleški, hebrejski in arabski.

MOŠKI IN ŽENSKI PRSTI

Na moški roki je navadno kazalec krajši od sredinca, pri ženskah pa je običajno kazalec daljši od srednjega prsta.

LEDENA DOBA

Kadar nas jezi zimski mraz, bomo morda nekoliko lažje potrepli, ako vpoštovamo izjave znanstvenikov, da pravzaprav še vedno živimo v ledeni dobi. V splošnem si zamišljamo ledeno dobo, ko so eno miljo debeli ledeni prilezli od zemskih tečajev, pokrili zemljo priljivo daleč proti ekuatorju ter pognali naše primitivne prednike v dupline, daleč za nami. Toda to je le relativno resnično.

Geologisti sodijo, da so zemljo objele tri ali štiri ledene dobe v neregularnih presledkih 300 do 400 tisoč let. Zadnja teh ledene doba je, katero imamo navadno v mislih pod tem imenom. Znanstveniki pa menijo, da ta zadnja ledena doba še ni končana, ampak, da nam je privoščila samo nekak odih z gorkejšim, vremenom. Danski geolog dr. V. Nordmann pravi, da nam bo ledena doba še pokazala zobe, predno se poslovati za nadaljnih 300,000 let ali več. Seveda, premoga se ni treba kupovati na ta račun, ker ta mrzli objem bo prišel šele v 20,000 ali 25,000 letih. Ko bo tisti zadnji mrzli objem končan, bo še ledena doba res končana za nekaj manj kot pol milijona let.

Tekom večine časa svojega obstoja zemlja nima ledu, ampak zelenje pokriva vso suho površino zemlje, prav do obetecajev. Danes je še okrog sedet milijonov kvadratnih milij zemlje stalno pokrite z ledom. To kaže, da smo komaj nekako na polovico prilezli iz ledene dobe.

Jeruzalem se širi v vseh smereh, izvzemši proti dolini Kedron, kjer so strmine. Proti jugu sega že skoro do polovice poti proti Betlehemu. Poslopja so zgrajena večinoma iz kamna in imajo vse moderne udobnosti z ozirom na razsvetljavo, vodo, kanalizacijo, itd. Veliko važnost se polaga tudi na lepo obliko zgradb in novih mestnih sekcij. V zadnjih petih letih se je v okrožju Jeruzalema zgradilo z 15 milijonov dolarjev novih stanovanjskih hiš. V kratkem bo dosegovljen modern hotel Kralj David, ki bo stal pet milijonov dolarjev, in bo prekašal najboljše hotele v Kairu in v Carigradu.

Geologi trdijo iz številnih znakov, da je ledovje zadnje, oziroma sedanje ledene doba, ko je bila na višku moči, pokrivalo vso Canado in segalo celo precej daleč v sedanje Zedinjene države, prav do Colorado in Tennessee. Kdaj se je led pomaknil nazaj proti severu ni bilo dozajdaj mogoče še točno določiti, toda mnogi znanstveniki so mnenja, da se je na tem kontinentu ta proces vršil približno istočasno kot v Evropi.

Svedski geolog Ragnar Liden je po plasteh nanešene zemlje in kamenja prisel do zaključka, da je srednji del sedanje Skandinavije bil še popolnoma pod ledom kakšnih 7000 let pred Kristom, danes pa jih je vičeti povsod. Samo lansko leto jih je bilo pod ledom še pre 25 deset tisoč let.

Ledeni, ki so segali do sredine sedanje Nemčije so se začeli polagoma umikati pred nekako 21,000 leti.

POINSETTIA

Med najbolj znane rastline božične sezone v Zedinjenih državah spada poinsettia. Vsak pozna vsej na videz, četudi ji ne ve imena. V kraju z zmerno gorkim podnebjem gojijo to rastlino vrtnarji v rastlinjakih; njim je znana po mile kot v blizini dimnika, plamen, ki je svighil iz razpoke dimnika. Nečak ur nato je nastal požar v bližini Cerkelj. Marija Anžičevi, Sidraža so zgoreli hlev, polni krme, svinjak in šupa, natlačena z listjem. Ogenj je nastal tako nenadoma, da so komaj rešili živino.

V noči med 23. in 24. novembrom bi se v zadarskem prelivu kmalu pripetila slična katastrofa, kakor se je meseca julija povodom trčenja parnika "Kardjordja" z italijanskim parnikom "Morosinijem". Jugoslovenski parnik "Zagreb," last Jadrske Plovitve, je plul iz Sušaka proti Šibeniku. Okrog 10. zvečer, ko je bil sredi zaljaja tudi poinsettije.

GLASOVI Z RODNE GRUDE

Glasom poročil v ameriških listih je prefekt na Goriškem dne 8. decembra obvestil vse prebivalce, da morajo tekmo 24 ur odati oblastim vse strelno orožje, streljivo in eksplozivne snovi vseh vrst. Kdor bi v dočasnem roku tega ne storil in bi se pri preiskavi našlo orožje ali streljivo pri njem, bil bi hudo kazovan. Dotični ukaz je bil izdan na direktno povejje iz Rima. Poznejša poročila javljajo, da se je prebivalstvo pokorilo ukazu in da orožniki niso nikjer našli skritega orožja ali streljiva. Med vrsticami uradnih poročil se lahko vidi, da je bilo izdan na Goriškem.

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VSAK PO SVOJE

Mir ljudim na zemlji, ki so dobre volje, se glasi božični slogan. Pa je danes zelo malo dobre volje na zemlji, zato je pa toliko ravsa in kavsa vse povsod.

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Največ sreča, radosti in veselih presečanj je kajkaj deželi, katerih božična darila so dosegla ali presegla vsek njihovih sanj.

Družinski očetje so v splošnem najmanj navdušeni za božična darila. Njihove den



MLADINSKI ODDELEK -- JUVENILE DEPARTMENT



Gustav Strniša:
BOŽIČNO DREVO

Inženjer in veleposenetnik Milan Stojpar je živel na svojem posestvu, ki je bil par ur oddaljeno od velenčega.

Baš pred božičnimi prazniki je moral po opravkih. Gospa, s sinom Miljančkom in Velenčkom je ostala sama doma.

"Otrok! Božič se bliža. Hlapac Tomaž nam je te dni zbolel. Ne vem, kako bo z božičnim drevescem? Božiček vaja pač ne bo pozabil. Toda drevesa vama ne bo sam vlačil iz gozda! Toliko ne moremo od njega zahtevati. Tomaž bi pač pomagal drevo nesti, če bi bil zdrav!" je rekla gospa otrokom.

Milanček je že hotel reči, da imajo domačem gozdu dosti delavec, da bi lahko kak delavec prinesel drevo. Teda se je pa oglasil mali, krepki Velenček:

"To pač ni nič hudega, mamica! Če si zadovoljna, pa pojdeva misva po drevescu. Morda bo Božičku ugašlo!"

"Škoda, da nimaš prikladnih sanj! Prav lepo prosva, mamica, priporoči nam dobermu Božičku, da nama jih prinese!" je zaprosil Miljanček.

"Vaj bom že priporočila. Če greška po jelko, pa vzemita kar one večje sani, s katerimi vozi običajno Tomaž. Bomo pa prosili gospoda učitelja, da vama bo pomagal," je odvrnila gospa in se ozrla v domačega učitelja Draganca.

"To pa z največjim veseljem!" se je odzval učitelj in se prijazno poklonil.

Naslednji dan sta se otroka toplo oblekla. Mamica jima je dala za južino poleg kruha, vsakemu tudi kosec sira.

Učitelj je veselo korakal poleg dečkov. Sani se kar škrpale v snegu, ko so vsi trije korakali v domači gozd.

"Kam pa, kam?" se je oglasila na visoki veji veverica, ko je zagledala pridna dečka s sanmi.

"Več veverička! Misva nisva več otročička! Delat greva v hosto!" se je pohvalil mali Velenček.

"Hi, hi, hi!" se je smejala veverica s tenkim glasom.

"Vendarle je res! Jelko greva iskat za božično drevesce. Sicer še ne veva, če bo ugajala dobremu Božičku, ampak pripravila mu jo pa bova vendarle!" je zavrnil veverico Miljanček.

"Kdor rad dela, vživa srečo! Tu vama dam jedren srečo!" je zavrnila veverica in vrgla vsakemu dečku orehovo jedrce.

Povzela sta jedrca. Tako toplo in sladko jima je postalno pri srcu. Res sta začutila neznanu srečo, ki jo podari ljudem delo.

Dospeli so v gozd.

"Dobet dan!" sta otroka pozdravila domača delavec.

"Kaj pa vidva?" so delavec prijazno povprašali.

"Jelko bova podrla!" sta se otroka odrezala.

"To vama bomo pa kar mi posekali!"

so se ponudili delaveci.

"Ne!" je resno odvrnil učitelj. "Sam na jasjo odzgata!"

Otroka sta vuela svojo ročno žagico in izbrala nizko, košato drevesce. Ta-koj sta pričela žagati deblo pri tleh. Počasi je šlo. Še skunjice sta morala odložiti. Znaj jima je kar curlijal po obrazu.

Ko sta se utrudila, sta se nekoliko odpočela.

"Dolo rod veselje!" se je oglasil v bližini ječ s koškom na hrbitu in jima ponudil drobne medvedje hruske:

"Pokusita jih! Dobro vama bodo tekni! To je skromni, a bogati sad veselje!"

Povzela sta nekaj hrušk in čutila, da ju navdaja vedno večje veselje. Kar zavrzala stara.

Nato sta pričela spet delati. Ko je bilo drevo že skoro odžagan, ju je opozoril učitelj Organc na južino. Pričela sta jesti.

Pa sta opazila, da stari Jernač, ki je že težko delal, nima druge južine, kot kos ovsenjaka.

Tako mu je dal Miljanček svoj kruh, a Velenček pa sir, dočim sta si ostalo južino razdelila.

"Tako je prav, cisto prav! Kdor dela, ečti usmiljenje!" se je oglasil na veji nad njima sivi skorice in jima prav splošljivo poknal.

Pa je prijet učitelj drevesce pri vrhu, ki se je sumljivo zibal. Dečka sta se parkrat potegnila z žago. Drevesec je ležalo na tleh.

"Ju, ju, hu! gaže že imava!" sta se vzradostila otroka.

Delavci so se jima smejali in ju pohvaili. Naložila sta drevesce na sani. Prej sta se napravili v deblo ozko začelo, da bi kesnejše vedela, če je Božiček res sprejal njuno smrečico.

Veselo so odrhali proti domu.

Prihodnji dan sta otroka o mraku postavila smrečico za varenje vrata in očko v svojo sobo.

"Jaz se kar bojam! Morda pa najna smrečico ne bo ugajala Božičku!" je reklo Velenček.

"Darove nama bo že prinesel. Potrudila sva se, kolikor sva se mogla!" je ugovarjal Miljanček.

Dolgo, dolgo sta se še pomenkovala. Pa so se odprla vrata. Vstopila je mama:

"Otroka! Pojdita! Božiček je že odšel in pustil svoje darove."

Oba sta hitela v družinsko sobo in kar ostermečata.

Sredi sobe je stala krasna jelka, polna lück in okrasov. Pod njo so bili razvrščeni darovi. Takoj sta spoznala, da je to ona jelka, ki sta jo sama pripravila dobermu Božičku.

"Nekaj pa vendarle pogrešam!" je spnil Miljanček.

"Tudi jaz. Sani nisva dobila. Sva

THE AVALANCHE CHRISTMAS

To Jimmy, snowshoes were like a pair of skates and he could skim over the top of the snow like a bird dusting its wings; but to me they were like a pair of clown shoes, and I must have flapped along something like a duck.

"I'm glad we don't have to walk back," I told him, stopping for breath. "How much farther do we have to go, anyway?"

Jimmy stopped and, shading his eyes with his hand, he scanned the country ahead of us. We were on the top of a small hill at the head of a valley, with mountains on both sides of us.

He lifted his axe again and swung at the tree. I did the same, but I was thinking of what he said and wondered what would happen. We cut more than half-way through one side of the tree and then changed sides. Soon the tree began to lean and finally to fall; and

"It's not the tree," he said, uneasily. "It's the crack of ice."

"Ice?" I exclaimed in amazement. "Where?"

He glanced at the mountain tops.

"Somewhere along the peaks," he replied. "The snow is getting too heavy, I guess."

He was puzzled and admitted it.

"I don't seem to remember this valley," he said. "But I'm almost sure it's the right one. The big Christmas tree must be around here somewhere,

dozen times when we were startled by a sharp cracking sound, as though of thunder. I gave a cry of alarm and jumped away from my side of the tree, thinking that it was about to fall; but Jimmy held his ground.

"It's not the tree," he said, uneasily. "It's the crack of ice."

"Ice?" I exclaimed in amazement.

"Where?"

We turned and retraced our steps to the cabin. When we got inside once more, we took time to look around and saw that it was fitted up as a workshop for somebody who made things out of steel and iron, for there were plenty of scrap pieces on the bench and a small punching and riveting machine. On the bench were two boxes, one long and square at the ends, the other in the shape of a T.

"What odd boxes!" exclaimed Jimmy.

"I wonder what's inside?"

"But it was that night under the Christmas Tree before we found out. When our names were called, we went up and were given those very same boxes. We pried open the covers, and inside Jimmy's box was a beautiful model of an airplane with a real motor in it that was complete in every respect; and inside mine was a real miniature submarine that could dive below the water and go for more than one hundred feet under her own power!

"But who—who made them?" stammered Jimmy, turning to his father.

"Mr. Bassler did," was the reply. "You see, he is a designer, and these are his latest models. I gave him the old cabin last year as a workshop, but after the avalanche of this afternoon, we're going to build him a place here in town, where it is safe."

"And I'm going to need two bright helpers," put in Mr. Bassler, smiling at us as he spoke. "Do you know of two young boys who would care to apply for the jobs?"

No answer was necessary, and I don't think it is hard to believe that with the excitement we had that afternoon, the gifts we got that evening, and the prospect we had of being assistants to a real airplane and submarine designer, that what we soon began to call "The Avalanche Christmas" was about the best Christmas Jimmy and I will ever have.

D. Vargazon:

SVETA NOĆ

Cin, cin — poje, zvonček milo, sladko sanja dol in breg, rih teke na zemljo sneg svetonočno občilo. Na srebrni jelki v sobi luč nešteto trepeta, a ob njej družina vsa se raduje tej milobi. Vsem prinesel je božiček: očki suknjic in robaka; sinček boben in vojaka; sestriči pa lep vožteč. Tudi mamica darilo gleda in se veseli — v sričih so presrečni vsi: cin, en poje zvonček milo ...

Vinko Vitenc:

NA SVETI VEČER

Vsa tiha božja zemlja je v čudu zastrmela: najlepšo zvezdno haljo je sebi noč nadelala. A polja so dejala v obliku snežnobeli: "Prisla je, ki od vekov najhujše rane cel." Gozdovi so vprasali: "Nocni li noč je tista, ki v njej povsod na svetu kraljuje sreča čista?" "Oj, blažena ti, sveta!" srce je v njej molito, vse vrčo hrgenje nečoi se je spomnilo.

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Uva:

KAJ NAM PRINESE . . .

Kaj nam prinese sivi možiček, dobrí Božiček. Kaj nam prinese? Ali copatke? zlate lopatke? pisano skrinje? pitano svitje? Ne gorkih copatice, ne zlatih lopatice, ne pisane skrinje, ne pitane svitje. prinesel so šmucke, prinesel sani, Silvestru naropči, naj sneg preskrbi. Za gorki copatice, in zlate lopatice, za pisano skrinje, in pitano svitje. nečoi na led.

NAGRADE

Za dopise, priobčene v mladinski prilogi Nove Dobe meseca novembra, so bile mladim dopisnikom nakazane sledeče nagrade:

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The Tree Was There, and a Beautiful Christmas Tree It Was, Too

and if we keep on going, we'll come to it sooner or later."

I made believe groaning.

"A fine Christmas Eve it will be for us if we are lost," I said.

"Don't worry," was Jimmy's cheerful reply. "We'll find the tree, have it ready for my father when he comes with the sleigh, and tonight you will be getting that model submarine you want and I'll be getting my miniature airplane from underneath the tree as it stands in the park. Mark my words."

"But where are these gifts going to come from?" I asked.

"I don't know," replied Jimmy, vaguely, as he started off again. "But my father has been acting rather secretive lately, and there's something in the wind."

I shouldered the axe I was carrying and hopped along after the leader, glancing up at the mountain tops as I did so and thanking my stars that the Christmas tree we wanted was down in the valley. Suddenly I heard Jimmy give a cry of relief.

"We're all right," he called. "Look!"

He pointed to the top of Mount Washburn. Part of the peak had broken away and was sliding down the side, breaking off single pine trees and crashing through groups of them as though they were dry sticks. We stood there transfixed by the sight; but suddenly I caught Jimmy by the arm.

"Look!" I cried. "The cabin!"

And just as I spoke, the avalanche had passed over the single dwelling and hid it from sight. Or at least I thought at first that the great slide of ice and snow had passed over it, but moments later I saw that the cabin had been missed by a few feet, and although the slide had not carried it away, the loose snow had almost buried it.

We strapped on our snowshoes, caught up our axes and started for the cabin, taking the shortest cut across the valley and up the hill. As we got closer, we could see that whoever was in the cabin was trapped, for the snow had filled in around three sides and the roof.

"We'll go around to the fourth side and get in through the window!" cried Jimmy; but when we got to the fourth side, we saw that it didn't have any window, but was a solid wall of logs linked in by plaster. Jimmy didn't wait for me to say anything and I didn't wait for him; but both together, without stopping even to take off our snowshoes, we began to hack away at those logs, one after the other; and soon we had a hole cut in the wall big enough to crawl into.

"Anybody in there?" called Jimmy, peering into the darkened room.

There was no reply.

"Anybody in there?" he cried again.

This time he was answered by a low moan; and a moment later we were inside the cabin, kneeling down beside a man who had been hit on the head by a plank falling from the roof when the loose snow hit the cabin. There was a cut over his right eye which we bound up by tying both our handkerchiefs together; after which the man was able to get on his feet and crawl out through the hole into daylight and safety.

"We'll help him down to the trail," said Jimmy. "He had better go into town and spend Christmas with us."

Otroka sta odšla s starčkom pred hišo in samega veselja kar poskoplila. Kako tudi ne? Pred njima so stale dvojne krásne nove sani, majhne in močne.

"Otroka! Pojdita! Božiček je že odšel in pustil svoje darove."

Oba sta hitela v družinsko sobo in kar ostermečata.

Sredi sobe je stala krasna jelka, polna lück in okrasov. Pod njo so bili razvrščeni darovi. Takoj sta spoznala, da je to ona jelka, ki sta jo sama pripravila dobermu Božičku.

"Nekaj pa vendarle pogrešam!" je spnil Miljanček.

MLADINSKI DOPISI

Contributions from our Junior Members

JOHNNY'S LUCK
Immediately after the close of school, Johnny began working in Appel's. "You won't be there long," warned ends. "No one ever suits Mr. has tried a dozen boys since," said another. "Next will be your limit," said

and heard a boom!

The next time I opened my eyes I was in bed and the doctor at my side. In a few days the cuts and bruises were healed and I again began strutting.

Martin Govednik,
SSCU No. 30, Chisholm, Minn.

THE COOK BOOK

Scene: Kitchen of Dargis Cottage. **Time:** Present, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon of a summer day. **Characters:** Helen, age 13; Benny, 2½, and Dot, age 11.

Helen (singing): Oh, where, oh, where can the cook book be? Where can it be? (Stops singing) I've looked everywhere. Do you know where it is, Dot?

Dot: How should I know? It may be in the garbage pail, for all I know.

Helen: It is nearly 3 o'clock and we haven't started yet. Well, we have other cook books, haven't we?

Dot: I suppose so. Hey, Benny, where are you? (Benny comes in)

"Benny: Wath you want, Ducky?"

Dot: I want you to tell mother to get us our cook book.

Benny: Cooth booth. Oh, I know that thing. I gave it to Billy for a nib.

Dot and Helen: Oh, shucks!

Amelia Peterrel,
No. 2, SSSC, Ely, Minn.

CHRISTMAS TIME

Lorain, O.—I haven't written to the New Era for a long time, but I have been reading what all the boys and girls were writing.

We had but a few cold days so far, the weather being fine. But I like summer because all the flowers are out and have such a pleasant aroma. Now most of the birds already went South and hence we do not hear the birds sing.

I am in the seventh grade. Christmas vacation will be with us soon, but I would rather go to school. Christmas comes around quickly to me, for I receive a number of presents. I would like to know what the other Juvenile members will receive for Christmas presents. I have to buy my father and mother a present because they give me everything I need, and I might as well buy something for my sister and brother. Santa Claus did not visit us on Dec. 6, but he might come on Christmas Day. I wish all the boys and girls a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Agnes Jancar,
No. 6, SSSC.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE NEEDY

Thanksgiving! A word that means more than one would think. It not only means a good time, but also to be thankful for what we have received in the past year. Some never trouble themselves to think of the needy. They have plenty and think that others are just as fortunate.

There are thousands of people with nothing to eat and no place to sleep. Take Pittsburgh, Pa., for example. On Grant Street a line of hungry men are seen every day forming the bread line. Every day sees them enter a certain building to receive food. Some of these men have large families to support, but no work, money, food or homes.

How are these men expected to keep their families alive and still remain honest? It is difficult to say. The problem rests with our government and should be settled by the citizens. It is our duty to help and provide for these people.

Pittsburgh is no exception, as almost every city in the Union has the same distressing situation. Come, each and every true citizen of our United States, young or old, do your part to help relieve this deplorable situation.

Helen Pogacar,
No. 26, SSSC, Pittsburgh, Pa.

OUR COMMUNITY

Rockdale, Ill.—This is my first letter to the New Era. I read many interesting stories and can hardly wait for the next month's issue containing the children's stories.

I do not go to school, for I am sick, having been in bed for two months already; I believe that I may have to stay in bed for another two months. It gets very lonesome with nothing to do all day long but read. I have magazines and books, but I have read them through, and as I haven't anything else to do I read them over again.

I am always wishing I could go back to school, as I belong to the Rockdale Band and I hate to miss the lessons. Through my window I can see the children go to school in the morning, come home for lunch and then go back again. After school the boys play football in the field close to our house. I like to watch them play.

Work is very scarce in Rockdale, the men working but one or two days a week; just enough to buy bread. The poor, hungry people have no shelter at night and many are seen in the streets begging for food.

We have had cold weather during the first part of November; we expected snow, but now it started to get warmer.

I would be very glad if some of the Juvenile members would write letters to me. I would be glad to answer them. Below is my address.

Margaret Shustar,
705 Meadow Ave.,
Rockdale, Ill.

MY FIRST COOKIES

It was a rainy and dreary day, and having nothing to do, I decided to

make some cookies. Of course, mother didn't approve of this, but as she was going out I decided to make them anyway.

I got all the ingredients together and soon was busy singing at my work. I was thinking of all the praise I was going to get for the delicious cookies, but forgot to think of what I was putting in. I put the cookies in the oven and waited until they were a light and a golden brown. When I brought the cookies into the dining room my brother jumped up with glee and began eating one. He soon spit it out. I asked him what the matter was, and he said, "Say, do you know the difference between baking powder and washing soda?"

Annie Grahek,
Ely, Minn.

SCHOOL

My sister Mary and I both go to St. Joseph's School. Mary is in the sixth grade and I am in the third grade. My brother Peter also goes to this school, but he is in the eighth grade and will graduate in June. All the sisters in this school are good teachers.

We start from home at 7:30 in the morning and get to school in time for church. We live a mile from school.

I also have a sister who goes to high school. Her name is Catherine.

I enjoy walking to school in the summer, but not in the winter, because it's so cold when we have to cross the bridge over the river.

We have two schools, a new one and an old one. Both schools are used, but the new one has twelve rooms and the other has only four.

I had a very nice time on Thanksgiving and I hope everyone else did, too. I'm also hoping for a happy Christmas. I'm wishing the editor of the Nova Dora and all the members of the SSSC a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Josephine Chanko,
SSCU No. 66, Joliet, Ill.

JUNE FINDS THE TWINS

Jenny and Caroline were the ten-year-old twins of the Hill family, who lived very close to the woods. Besides the twins there was June, who was two years their senior.

One morning when Mrs. Hill went to call her children to breakfast she found the twins gone. She questioned June, but she knew nothing of their whereabouts. Mrs. Hill knew that her twins craved adventure and that they had probably got up earlier than usually and went tramping to the woods. When she told her husband, he was not worried either, but June felt different. It seemed that just before she fell asleep the night before she heard someone creeping up the stairs, but she thought it was her mother. When her mother told her of the empty bed she felt sure that something had happened to the twins and told her mother of her fears.

The mother became frantic and called the police. Two days went by and no twins, but on the third day the mother received a letter. The kidnappers wanted a ransom or else the twins would be killed. The mother began to cry and June came into the room. She took the letter and read its contents. She also examined the envelope closely and noticed that it had not been mailed, but just put in their mail box, therefore the twins were still in the city.

There were tears in June's eyes, and after thinking awhile she left a note, telling her parents not to worry about her. She wandered about the woods wondering what to do. Finally she noticed that she had wandered into strange woods, but she was too busy thinking of how to get \$2,000 for the ransom. She looked up suddenly to see a strange cabin, which was probably empty and bare, but it would be a good place to rest in. She was surprised to see a man leave the cabin, because no one ever lived in these woods. Her suspicion became aroused and she cautiously crawled up to the cabin and peeped in through the window. She saw a man, and to her joy her twin sisters.

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The other man came back and called the one inside to come out and see something. Here was June's chance and she crept into the cabin and told her sisters not to make a sound while she untied them. All three quietly left the house and began to run as fast as they could from the cabin. When they were nearing home they began to walk.

One of the twins said that they had a great time and wished they didn't have to go home. June told them of the condition of their mother over their disappearance, and the twins promised never to leave their parents again.

When they arrived home tired and hungry their mother was asleep and their father was at work. They went into the kitchen and ate. Trying not to disturb their mother's sleep, they went upstairs to bed themselves. June suddenly woke to find that it was 8 o'clock and told her sisters to go quietly downstairs. June then entered the kitchen and saw that her parents barely touched their food, but she told them to go into the dining room for a little surprise.

When Mrs. Hill saw her twins she was so happy that she cried with joy. Everyone was happy now and the twins promised not to go out again without their parents' consent.

Mary Chanko,
SSCU No. 66, Joliet, Ill.

CAMPING

I went camping with my brother, who is a Boy Scout. We cooked potatoes and bacon and later in the day we roasted hot dogs. While we were sitting around the fire one of the boys saw an animal that looked like a wolf.

We chased the animal a long way before we caught up to him. One of the boys shot him and when we came up to the animal we saw that it was only

a harmless police dog.

We returned to the camp fire with sad faces and before long it was time to start for home.

Edward Laurich,
SSCU No. 170, Chicago, Ill.

HOW THE FAIRIES CAME TO FAIRYLAND

One hot day in June an old man was walking in a deserted field. He was very tired and his brow was wet with sweat. In the distance he saw a stump and went to it and sat down. All of a sudden he saw a house and then he remembered the story of the "Mystery House" which was seen first here and then there.

He went up to the door quietly and opened it. He heard the dancing of feet and the jingle of bells. He saw fairies dancing with their queen. When they saw him they started to play with his long, white beard. The queen came over to him and asked him who he was. He answered that he was an old man who was hungry, weary and tired. The queen had food brought to him and he ate his fill.

Suddenly the queen asked if the fairies would like to go South and they all agreed. With the stroke of her wand, they were all down South, where the sun shone on the cotton fields. The queen asked the old man where he lived, and he said just a little beyond their former place, so the queen again waved her wand and they were all back where they were before. The old man thanked the fairies for their kindness and started on his way home.

The fairies held a meeting so as to decide what to do since the people would soon know of the "Mystery House." They all decided to go far away, so they flew and flew until they came to the land where there lived only witches and giants. But now the fairies lived here and became good friends to all. The "Mystery House" was no more, but that is how the fairies came to Fairyland.

Olga Gabrovec,
SSCU No. 53, Little Falls, N. Y.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Early Thanksgiving morning grandmother was helping mother with the pies, cranberry sauce, turkey, etc. When all was finished she went to church with us. When we returned we all sat down to dinner and grandmother told us to be thankful for this day.

After dinner we all went for a ride, and when we returned it was time for supper. After supper we all gathered around grandmother and begged for a story.

She began: "The Pilgrims came to America in the year of 1607. The people of England were to send them food, but no ships came and they were all starving and some dying. Finally one day they saw a white sail and they all began to rejoice when they saw the ship with the food coming in. Before they sat down to their meal they all thanked God, and that is why we have Thanksgiving Day on the last Thursday of the month of November."

When grandmother was finished it was time for bed, but we will never forget that story.

Anna Kotnik,
SSCU No. 25, Eveleth, Minn.

FRANKLIN, PA.

Dragi mi bratci in sestrice, vem, da težko pričakujete Miklavž. Jaz tudi.

Pa meni vedno malo prinese, letos be menda pa še manj.

En stric mi je povedal, da Miklavž hoče prej nikeli, predno po dimniku dol pride, da si da hlače oprati, predno gre nazaj na severnici tečaj. Mama mi je rekla, da leto tudi potiče ne bo prinesel.

Jaz bil rad Miklavžev brat, in se boljše bi bilo, da bi simel njegovo malho nositi in si bamo tistim delu, kateri si ne morejo niti kupiti, ker nimajo denarja.

Misljam, da ga boriš se na Main Street

čakat in ko se bodo ljudje razšli, bom videl kakšen je.

Stal bom za kakšnim vogom in policiju bom rekel naj me pri mriji pusti in naj mi pomaga najti Miklavž.

Jej, to bi bilo imenito, če jaz nasiel. To bi bilo zame. Ne smete zameriti, bratci in sestrice, če sem tako sebičen, saj veste, da Miklavž ima vsega dosti.

Né zamernite tudi moji pisavi, ker sem šele osem let star in slovensko tudi težko pišem. Lep pozdrav vsem!

Rudolph Rolish (8 let),
član društva št. 36 JSKJ

EXPORT, PA.

Precej čas je že minilo, odkar sem se zadnjic oglasi. V zadnjem mojem dopisu sem pozivali bratice in sestrice, da bi se oglašali v našem glasilu, in sicer v slovenščinem jeziku.

Cakal sem, da se kdaj oglasi, toda, kakor vidim, nisem imel uspeha.

Novega vam za enkrat nimam kaj poročati od takoj. Sedaj smo dobili počitnice za dva tedna, pa ne vem, kaže bomo oprati, predno gre nazaj na severni tečaj.

Mama mi je rekla, da imam sranko, da bi imeli sneg, da bi se valjali in sankali po snegu.

Toda mesto snega imamo samo blato.

Henry Krent,
SSCU No. 200, Elie, Minn.

Editor's Note: Henry Krent wishes to say goodbye to the Juvenile members, as he is ready to transfer to the Adult Division. He also wishes to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Perhaps we will hear from Henry on the English section of the New Era in the future.

VALILNICE

Valilnice ali inkubatorji za piščance niso tako novost kot si navadno predstavljamo. Ze starci Egipčani so znali kurja jajca valiti v posebnih pečeh, pa tudi zakopane v gnoj.

try, and I think they number more than the deer. I saw a few deer, but was unable to track them down, for they were too fast for me. I also saw two mooses, but did not dare open fire on them, since they're not included in this hunting season.

The ground is now covered with snow, with the lakes frozen, the ice thick enough to permit walking. But the snow covers the ice, preventing us from skating. So we do the next best thing and go skiing.

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Export, Pa.

We wish a Merry Christmas to all the Juvenile members of our Union. May you have a good time during your vacations from school, and may you be fortunate enough to receive plenty of presents.

A number have been contributing articles during the past year. We want them continue to do so. Others should try their hand at writing.

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Sezonska voščila

Stara navada je, da si prijatelji v božičnem času medsebojno izmenjavajo sezonska voščila. Med bližnjimi se to vrši ustreno, med bolj ali manj medsebojno oddaljenimi pa pismeno ali celo brzovarno. Na prvi pogled se zdi, da tako voščila ne pomenujo mnogo, ker izhajajo iz navade in se tuintam smatrajo kot nekaka družabna dolžnost. Toda, če to reč malo pobližje ogledamo in premislimo, bomo prišli do prepričanja, da so božična voščila vredna svoje cene, in še mnogo več kot to.

Božični čas nas spomni prijateljev, na katere v naši zaposlenosti in vsakdanji skrbi za življenje morda celo leto nismo mislili, ali pa smo jim mogli le tuintam posvetiti trenutno bežno misel. Misli na prijatelje, ki so nam ali ki so nam bili dobri in naklonjeni, v katerih prijateljstvu ni bilo hinavščine, sebičnosti in prevare, je vselej prijetno. V mislih na dobre prijatelje preživljamo v duhu ponovno lepe čase, katerih smo bili deležni po njihovih zaslugah. Take misli so kot svetli solnčni žarki, ki nam lepo življenje in poživljajo včasi omahujoča vero, da je človeštvo v splošnem dobro. Pri pisanju takih voščil se kot duheteče rože porajajo lepi spomini in se spletajo v krasen božični venec okrog našega srca.

Potom božičnih ali novoletnih voščilnih kartic pa tudi trosimo veselje širom dežele. Nam je ljubo, če vemo, da se nas spominjam prijatelji, in prav tako je ljubo njim, če se jih spominjam mi. Nedvorno je že vsak izmed nas bil kdaj veselo iznenaden, ko je v božični ali novoletni sezoni prejel drobno kartico od prijatelja, o katerem je morda sodil, da ga je že davno pozabil. Droben voščilce, katero stane morda komaj par centov, je včasi prejemniku tako draga in dobrodošla, da bi ga ne zamenjal za bankovec z visoko številko.

Posebnost sezonskih voščil je v tem, da jih ne posiljamo ljudem, katerih ne maramo in katerih bi se rajši izognili, kakor pa jih srečali. Istotako ne pričakujemo voščil od ljudi, za katere mi ne maramo. Če bi dobili voščilo od osebe, katera nam je s svojo neodkritostjo vedoma in prenšljeno škodovala in zagrenila življenje, smatrali bi to za izizvanje. Sezonska voščila so tipični izrazi prijateljstva, in prijateljstvo je našemu življenju to, kar je sonce življenju zvetlice.

Dolžnost nas vseh je sicer, da po možnosti lepšamo življenje svojemu bližnjemu ob vsakem času, prav posebno pa je to potrebno v tej sezoni, kajti trpljenje in zapuščenost vsak prizadeti najhujše občuti v tem času. Kdor more, naj bi se posebno v teh časih spomnil s kakšno pomočjo bratov in sester, katere je obiskala nesreča in žive v pomanjkanju. Kdo so in kje so, vsak sam najbolje ve. Ako vemo, da se prijatelj nahaja na bolniški postelji ali morda celo v bolnišči, običimo ga, če je mogoče; ako nam čas in druge razmere tega ne dopuščajo, pošljimo mu pismeno voščilo ali šopek cvetlic. Lepo je, če spremjam pokojnega prijatelja na njegovi zadnji poti, lepo je, če okrasimo njegovo gomilo s cvetjem, toda tisočkrat lepše in koristnejše je, če bolnika razvedrimo na našim obiskom ali s šopkom svežega cvetja.

Nekje v bibliji je zapisano: po njih delih jih boste spoznali. Bratje in sestre, vzemimo si to k srcu in razsipljimo cvetje pravega prijateljstva kjer koli in kadarkoli nam je mogoče. Na ta način bomo vzdignili ugled J. S. K. Jednote na tako višino, da bo kot magnet pritegnila nase vse, kar je zdravega, značajnega in pošteno mislečega med našim našdom v Zedinjenih državah.

Urednik tega lista si šteje v veliko srečo, da ima širom Amerike tisoče prijateljev, katere osebno pozna, in druge tisoče, s katerimi se osebno seznaniti ni imel prilike. Vseh teh bi se rad spomnil s pismenimi sezonskimi voščili, toda, to je, žal, nemogoče; preveč jih je. Mnoge sezonske čestitke so že došle v uredništvo in še prihajajo dan za danem. Nekatere teh čestitke so "oficijelne," druge skromno pripisane dopisu ali uradnemu naznani. Prijatelji, bratje in sestre naj bodo zagotovljeni, da je vsako voščilo, vsaka čestitka in vsak pozdrav hvaležno sprejet od strani urednika. V teh mrkih zimskih dneh je vsaka prijateljska misel, ki priroma od koderkoli dobrodošla kot solnčni žarek, kot duheteča roža in bajnega vrtja prijateljstva, kjer vlada večna plomila. Vsem tistim, katerim se urednik ne bo mogel pismeno zahvaliti — in teh je mnogo —, naj velja gori navedeno zagovilo. Njim in vsem ostalim prijateljem in vsem bratom in sestrar pa: **PRAV SREČNE IN VESELE BOŽIČNE PRAZNIKE!**

VOŠČILO K SEZONI

Za izprenemblo v vrsti običajnih strogo uradnih objestil, poročil in navodil, naj bodo na tem mestu zabeležena na nastov celokupnega članstva J. S. K. Jednote moja iskrena voščila k božični sezoni, združena z željo za zdravje, blagostanje in splošno srečo vsakega posameznega člana in vsestranski napredek J. S. K. Jednote v prihodnjem letu.

Joseph Pishler, glavni tajnik.

VOŠČILO

Vsem kolegom glavnim odbornikom, vsem društvenim uradnikom ter vsemu člansku J. S. K. Jednote voščim veselje in zadovoljne božične praznike ter srečno in zdravo Novo leto. Vse naj na vseh potih spremjam sreča, zdravje in bratska vzajemnost!

Paul Bartel,
gl. predsednik J. S. K. J.**Članstvu J. S. K. Jednote**

Bližamo se zopet koncu leta. Akoravno imamo še kakih sedi dne tega leta, pa nas že v naprej skrbi, bo-li drugo leto kaj bolj milostljivo, to je, za preprost, revni narod, kakor je bilo preteklo leto. Še nekaj dni in Božič bo zopet tukaj. Novo leto pa že tudi skoraj na pragu. Običaj naroda je, da si ob takih prilikah izmenjava čas primerna voščila in želje.

Lepo je, da se ob takih prilikah spominjam prijateljev ter onih, ki so aktivni za eno ali drugo stvar za dobrobit človeštva. O Božiču pozabimo vse težkoče ter skušamo biti zadovoljni. Novo leto pa nam daje nove energije za nadaljnjo delo.

Rekel sem, da o Božiču vse težkoče lahko pozabimo; toda v času, v kakoršnem se nahajamo danes vsi oni, ki se moramo za svoje življenje in za obstanek boriti, na zahtevo in željo milijonarjev, ki nam v teh časih le drobtine delijo, smo mnenja, da nam ne bo prav lahko pozabiti vse gorje preteklega leta. Kajti leto 1930 ostane marsikateremu v trajnem spominu. Nad dvajset milijonov družinskih mož, žena in otrok že celo leto 1930 živi v veliki revščini in pomanjkanju. Na tisoče otrok je umrl letosno leto radi pomanjkanja hrane, in to v najbogatejši deželi vsega sveta. Toda na milijone ljudi se pa je smejal v veselju poleg teh nedolžnih žrtev, ker imeli so v izobilju, kar so si poželeli.

Ali je to demokracija? Ne in nikakor ne! Toda poguma ne smemo izgubiti, kajti še po vsem dejstvu je posiljalo svetlo

ali rakov pot?

IZ URADA GL. TAJNIKA

BODIMO DOSLEDNI IN DRŽIMO SE USTAVE IN PRAVIL J. S. K. J.

Na glavni urad je došlo poročilo, da se je zadnji čas vnela nekaka gonja pri enemu izmed vodilnih društev naše jednote, s kjo se postavlja v nevarnost nepristransko stališče naše jednote. Odkod to izhaja, je za glavni urad še uganka, toda sodimo lahko, da gre za škodo naše organizacije.

Gre namreč za neko darilo neki verski instituciji, o čemur se pri krajevnih društvih J. S. K. J. legalno razpravlja ne more in ne sme, dokler bodo sedanja pravila v veljavi. ČE SMO NEPRISTRANSKI PO PREDPIŠIH PRAVIL, BODIMO TAKI DEJANSKO, NE SAMO NA PAPIRJU.

Konec te kratke uradne izjave omenim še samo to, da sem od svoje strani pripravljen držati z M A N J S I N O, dokler manjšina soglaša s pravili, ne izraje se na morebitne posledice, ki bi pozneje sledile. Pisuh teh vrstic je osebno in uradno vrlo dobro znano, da je ravno nepristransko stališče nam doprineslo tolkšne uspehe v pretečenih desetih letih. Uglej jednote se je razširil in doseglje se je mnogo več uspehov v zadnjih desetih letih, nego poprej v dvaindvajsetih. Vprašanje je pred nami: bomo li šli naprej ali rakovo pot?

Z bratskim pozdravom,
Joseph Pishler, glavni tajnik.**BOŽJE DREVCE**

Nam, ki smo se priselili iz Evrope, je znano "božje dreve," ki se rabí v evnetomedeljskih butarah. Je to grm ali pa tudi majhno, vedno zeleno drevo z bodečim listjem in rdečimi jagodicami. V Ameriki raste sorodnik evropskega božjega dreve, ki ga tu imenujemo "holly," boteniki pa "ilex opaca." Listje je nekoliko manjše in ne tako bodeče kot pri evropskem sorodniku, zato so pa veje bolj na gosto okrašene z rdečimi jagodicami. Ta "holly" se rabí tu za spletanje znanih božičnih vencev, brez katerega skoro ni hiše v božični sezoni. Ameriški "holly" raste v naših južnih državah, posebno v Californiji, po peščenem gričevju, kjer morejo eksistirati le redke vrste rastlinstva. V božičnem času se razvozi mnogo zeleniških voz tega grmovja v različne dele Zedinjenih držav za izdelovanje božičnih vencov.

VELIKÀ JEZERA

Velika jezera: Michigan, Superior, Huron, Erie in Ontario

Slovenski jezera: Michigan, Superior, Huron, Erie in Ontario so bila nekoč daleč v dejelo sejajoč zaliž Atlantskega oceana. Del tega zaliža je bila tudi reka St. Lawrence. Tako sodi profesor R. G. Hussey na michiganški univerzi. Okostja kitov iz pleistocenske dobe so večkrat našli v St. Lawrence reki blizu jezera Ontario, nedavno pa so nasli tako okostje tudi v jezeru Michigan. Kiti so mogli priplavati v jezero Michigan le iz morja, in to je bilo mogoče le, če so bila velika jezera zvezana z morjem. Ko je bila zvezza z morjem pretrgana, je sladka voda nadomestila v sedanjih Velikih jezerih prejšno slano morsko vodo.

Torej še enkrat prosim, da vpoštovate gori navedeno mojo željo in pa člen v pravilih J. S. K. Jednote. Končno pa želim vsemu članstvu veliko sreča in blagostanja, a naši organizaciji pa veliko novih in zdravil moči. Vesel Božič ter zdravo in srečno Novo leto!

Rudolf Perdan,
predsednik nadzornega odbora
J. S. K. J.

VOŠČILO

Prav vesle božične praznike ter srečno in zadovoljno Novo leto želim vsemu članstvu veliko sreča in blagostanja, a naši organizaciji pa veliko novih in zdravil moči. Vesel Božič ter zdravo in srečno Novo leto!

A. J. Terbovec:

KJE DOM JE MOJ?

Splošno se sodi, da ljudje naše vrste vzgoje so o Božiču najrajši doma, aka pa to ni mogoče, se vsaj na dom spominjajo. Toda, kaj je dom, kje je in kakšen? "Vse je relativno," bi rekel Einstein. "Kakor se vzame," bi dejali mi bolj po domače.

Jaz zase moram reči, da sem imel mnogo domov, začasnih seveda. Stalnega doma itak nima nihče, razen onih, ki prežive vse življenje v rojstni hiši; in teh je razmeroma malo.

Ako se bom na božični večer spominjal mojih domov, bo to dolg in pester film premičnih slik. Skušal vam bom nekaterih teh slik predčuti. Ne vseker bi bilo preveč, pa tudi niso vse lepe; mi se radi spominjam le na tisto, kar je bilo lepo in prijetno, neprijetnosti pa skušamo pozabiti. Tudi točno po vrsti ne bodo, ker spomin se ne da vezati na praktikarske paragrafe. Pa si oglejte te slike, če hočete; ako ne, pa tudi ne boste dosti zamudili.

Hišica očetova, skromna, polevna, s slamo krita, potopljena v cvetje sadnega drevja spomladi, s sadjem zasuta v jeseni. Nad njo sočna vinska gorică, odkoder se vidi bistra Sava kot srebrn trak. Z bukovjem in hrastjem porastle višine, v nižinah temno smrečje. Parasitska idila: gugalnice, mlinci, iskanje ptičjih gnez, jagode, borovnice, ostrožnice, črešnje, hruške, jabolka, kostanj, breskev in grozdje. Rdeča detelja, bela ajda, zlata pšenica. Kopači v vinogradu, kosci, žanžice, mlatiči, trgači. Jaslice in polnočnice, koline, pustni krofi, kolači in pirhi, kresovi in trgatev. Solnce vsemu pa mamica, dobra kot milost božja, pridna in varčna kot čebela, poštena, odkritosrčna in čista kot rožmarinovo jutro, usmiljena, radodarna in polna mehke dobrotljivosti kot nageljnov dan. Bil je dom. Pa je vsekako med nas in nas razgnalo po svetu, kot je dejal pesnik. Tiste doma ni in ga ne morebiti več in mladost tudi ne. Samo spomin je in lepa slika v filmu mnogih domov.

Mala naselbina v mormonski državi Utah. Dobrih pet ducatov rojakov, toda vsi kot ena sama družina. Visoki hribi, globoko zajedne soteske, bistri potoki in studenci. Dolge zime z debelimi snegovi, zavijanje zmrzajočih kajutov na gorskih vrhovih, posedanje okrog gorkih peči, luščenje kostanja in razigrana govorica. Kratka, a nad vse sijajna pomlad in poletje z milijoni ptičev in cvetlic, izprehodi po duhetečih gozdovih, lovski pohodi, peš ali na iskrnih konjih zapada . . .

Domovina vetrar in divjega pelina, napol puščavska država Wyoming, z redkimi naselbinami, v njih pa zlata gostoljubna srca. Tu škofjeloška govorica, prijetna kot pesem šegave deklice, tam štajerska, ki se čuje kot krepak odmet splavarskih plenkač. "Krepke primere, da bi bila zanje cekin," kot prav pesnik . . .

Med nebotičniki Rocky Mountains, ki so leto in dan venčani s snegom. Mesta lepa in čista kot iz skriljice vzeta. Krasni sadovnjaki, šumeči gozdovi, divje skalne soteske, brzotekče reke in potoki, rdečepikaste postri, sladke kolumbine—obeh vrst . . .

Tipečni hribi Montane, pšenične stepi, ovčji pašniki, zanimive rudarske in topilniške naselbine. V čistem gorskem zraku vonjava jazmina, divjih vrtnic in balzamski duh borovja in smrečja. Zlatega zapada

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Current Thought.

YULETIDE GREETINGS TO ALL

Christmas is with us. Joy and happiness are seen everywhere during the Yuletide holidays. In spite of the business depression causing such nation-wide unemployment the spirit of Christmas will not be dampened, for there is always that hope of improved conditions.

Gifts—the external indication of the inner feeling between human beings—will be exchanged. Many a downhearted person will be brightened by the unexpected present. It isn't the value of the gift that counts so much as the person

that is giving it deep from the heart.

A number of family reunions will be held, some, perhaps, the first time in many years. Students attending out-of-town colleges will come home, and many a sad mother's heart will be gladdened to see her offspring again.

The very atmosphere seems to be surrounded with Christmas, almost compelling us to think of nothing else but the other and sister members of our South Slavonic Catholic Union—members with whom we have had contact during the entire year 1930. The editorial staff of the New Era feels a personal friendship existing between them and the entire membership. Every day some member will correspond with us for the first time and make us feel as though we had known him or her for a long time.

We wish all of our South Slavonic Catholic Union members Merry Christmas and hope that they will enjoy the Yuletide holidays.

Take Stock of Yourself

Christmas sometimes acts as a reminder for all that has inspired during that particular year. And 1930 is no exception. What were we doing a year ago? What plans did we make then? Try and place yourself exactly a year back and see if you can recollect what was uppermost in your mind. The writer can distinctly remember the plans mapped out for athletics among our SSCU lodges, most of which were carried out, unfortunately. At the present time he is wondering what results will be obtained as a sequence to the plans made.

Members would do well to look back upon their lodge work for the year 1930. Christmas is the time of the year to do a little pondering. Ask yourself if you are heading for a certain desired goal, or are you just one of the many people inhabiting this earth for no reason at all. Unfortunate circumstances may have prevented you from attaining exactly what you have set out to do. Nevertheless, if you have attempted, then the lodge will feel, as a whole, that the future holds something in store for them.

Regardless of what was planned in the past year that did not ripen into reality, we should strive forward anew, with added vigor. Personal contentment in the form of accomplishments cannot be figured in dollars and cents, for the physical and mental effort is compensated only in the complete satisfaction of the mind.

Attention, Betsy Ross

Washington's Notice

Cleveland, O.—Members of Betsy Ross Lodge, No. 186, SSCU, are urgently requested to be present for the annual meeting to be held Thursday, Dec. 18, at my home, 774 E. 6th St. Election of officers for the year 1931 will take place; hence it is very important that all members attend.

Why is it that some members are unwilling to sacrifice one evening for a lodge meeting? Perhaps that explains the reason why a remark was passed to the effect that our lodge was inactive. As long as the whole-hearted co-operation lacking our group will merely be a doormat for others to walk on. So, wake up, and let the whole world know that the Betsy Ross Lodge is full of life and a very desirable group to belong to.

Three cheers for the Betsy Ross Lodge. Don't forget the meeting. See you with bells on.

Anna Vidmar, Sec'y.

St. Nicholas Arrives at Waukegan

Waukegan, Ill.—On Dec. 20 Christmas "Eve" program, with Santa Claus in person, will be sponsored by all local Slovenian lodges for the kiddies. The affair will be held at the Slovenian National Home. Gifts will be given to the children.

All members and their families are cordially invited to attend the gala affair. Admission for the grownups 25c, children will be admitted free. Come one, come all. Let's go!

John Petrovic,
No. 193, SSCU.

SLOVENEC HOLDS MEETING

Ely, Minn.—Members of Lodge Slovenec, No. 114, SSCU, are reminded of the annual meeting to be held Sunday, Dec. 21, at 1:30 p.m. It is very important to have the entire membership attend as election of officers and other committeees for the year 1931 will take place. Only sick members and those that have to work at the time of the meeting are excused. It is the duty of all to be on hand and help elect a strong executive board.

Matt Baldine Jr., Sec'y.

Sport Club Sponsors Bowling League

Annual Meeting Held Dec. 22

Chicago, Ill.—At the regular meeting of the Chicago J. S. K. J. Sport Club, including representatives from Society Zvon, No. 70, SSCU; Illini Stars, No. 211, SSCU, and a newly organized English-conducted lodge, it was decided to form a bowling league. Playing started Dec. 15 and will continue for a period of nine weeks.

Schedules were formed at a special meeting held Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2214 S. Lincoln St., in which representatives of J. S. K. J. lodges were on hand.

Two basketball teams have been organized in Chicago, one by the Illini Stars, No. 211, SSCU, and the other by the newly organized lodge known as the Indians. Arrangements are being made to have these teams play for the championship of Chicago, the victors to combat with Waukegan for the championship of Illinois. The state champ will then compete with the Minnesota state champ for the Northwestern League title and eventually for the national title.

The regular annual meeting of the Chicago J. S. K. J. Sport Club will be held on Monday, Dec. 22, at 2214 S. Lincoln St. All Chicago J. S. K. J. lodges are requested to send three delegates, so as to enable us to carry further the athletic program. These delegates should be elected at the annual meetings of the lodges.

William B. Laurich, Pres., Chicago JSKJ Sport Club.

National Star News

Conemaugh, Pa.—A simple greeting that is laden down with cheer for a good old-fashioned Christmas and a mighty Happy New Year is the National Star Lodge, No. 213, SSCU, most sincere wish to all SSCU English-conducted lodges.

Our next regular monthly meeting is to be held on New Year Day, Jan. 1. A party and dance will follow the order of business. All should attend and bring their friends along and show them a good time. Let us give our newly elected officers a rip-roaring start at the coming gathering.

Times are bad. It's the depression, or compression—something like that—that makes us advertise our dance one month in advance. Don't forget the date, Jan. 17, 1931, at St. Louis Hall of Conemaugh, Pa., just over the bridge from Franklin. Jimmie Cannin and his Broadcasting Pennsylvania Travelers will furnish the music. And how they can play! Come and see for yourself. What about the three Cleveland Musketeers, Drobni, Vessel and Jarc, and General Polaski from Canonsburg, and Kress from Pittsburgh? Are they coming? National Star sends forth its welcome, hoping that they can make arrangements now.

Joseph Kopler, P. A.

Woman Customer (to butcher): Why, Mr. Snow, you get dearer and dearer.

Mr. Snow: Shh. Here comes the wife.

"My wife takes excellent care of me—she takes off my shoes for me every evening."

"When you come in?"

"No; when I want to go out!"

ATHLETIC BOARD OF S. S. C. U.

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BRIEFS

Indians is the name of the newly organized SSCU English-conducted lodge of Chicago, one by the Illini Stars, No. 211, SSCU, and the other by the newly organized lodge known as the Indians. Arrangements are being made to have these teams play for the championship of Chicago, the victors to combat with Waukegan for the championship of Illinois. The state champ will then compete with the Minnesota state champ for the Northwestern League title and eventually for the national title.

Edward Kromar, bowler for the George Washington Lodge bowling team, of Cleveland, O., was stabbed in the back at a reception given Sunday, Dec. 14. John Blasko was critically cut on the wrist by the same person. Both are in serious condition.

Wilmington, Ill., witnessed the auction sale of the village depot when the B. & O. railroad acquired possession of the Chicago & Alton railroad.

"Beautiful Mountains" is the title of a book describing the many picturesque scenes of Slovenia. It is written by F. S. Copeland, instructor of English at the University of Ljubljana. Edo Držaj, Slovenian artist, furnished the pictures for the book, on sale in the U. S. since the beginning of the month. It was published by the Mercury Press, London, England.

Joseph Kopler, member of SSCU National Athletic Board, extends his Christmas and New Year greetings to all members of our Union.

Explosion wrecks two homes and damages third on E. 72d St., Cleveland, O., part of the Slovenian colony. Estimated damage to Rudolph Sulak's home is \$4,200. Damage to the other two homes is estimated at \$8,500 and \$12,000. Blast was heard for many blocks and occurred Sunday morning about 4 o'clock.

Lodge No. 66 Reports

Joliet, Ill.—A number of SS Peter and Paul Society, No. 66, SSCU, attended the show given by convicts in the old penitentiary, in which thrills galore were present. Joe Ramutka, bowler on our team, also plays basketball. We missed him last Thursday, our Class B team losing two games to the Unknowns. Game scores for the series were 797, 755 and 808 to the opponents' 842, 742 and 886.

Christmas is almost here, keeping us all busy shopping and what not. We would like to hear from the other lodges of our Union, as we feel that this is one method of boosting our organization. Attendance at meetings is also strongly urged.

On Christmas and New Year Eve we shall refrain from bowling, and the games will be postponed. Hence it will also enable all of our members to attend the annual meeting held next Sunday, Dec. 21. Here's wishing all the members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John P. Lunka,

Join the S. S. C. U.

Saying It With Comrades

Challenge Team Drops Tilt; Girls Take Three Games

Waukegan, Ill.—Comrades Lodge "crack" challenge bowling team bowed to the Chain Army Stores pin five last Sunday afternoon to the tune of 2896 to 2652. Busik was high for the winners with a 628 series, with games of 223, 200 and 203. Capt. Albert "Biff" Korenin led the Comrades with 553. In the final game the winners spilled the maples for a splendid 1011 score.

In the second tilt the newly organized Comrade Boosters were defeated by the Comrade "crack" challenge team by a margin of 130 pins, scores were 2668 to 2530. Andy "Speed" Skoff topped the "crack" bowlers with 576, while Frank "Frosty" Petrovic led the Boosters with 557. Frank "Heavy" Repp, formerly with the Comrades' "crack" team, was a close second with 546. "Heavy" Repp is the captain of the newly organized Comrade Boosters. Although the Boosters took one on the nose from the "big" team, it was evident that the Boosters have the makings of another "crack" bowling team. When the two teams meet again in the near future the results will be somewhat different, probably reversed. Watch the Boosters.

In the Mother of God Church League the Comrade Girls took three games from the St. Anns No. 1 bowling quintet. Mary Petrovic led the winners with 388. On Sunday, Dec. 21, the Comrade Boosters will meet the St. Rocus, No. 94, SSCU, of this city in a special bowling match game at the Waukegan Recreation Rooms at 7 p. m. The Rocus Lodge challenged the Boosters recently and boast of a very strong lineup. Among them will be Mr. Paul Bartel, president of St. Rocus Lodge and supreme president of the South Slavonic Catholic Union. Observe the St. Rocus lineup: John Jelovsek, Paul Bartel, Matt Kern, Anton Papish, Martin Zupec and Joe Petrovic (secretary of the St. Rocus Lodge).

A real treat is in store for the local bowling fans. As a special attraction, all members of the Comrades' bowling quintets (men and women) will hereafter wear suspenders of assorted colors during all bowling contests. Imagine the Comrade girls wearing suspenders! Oh, well, Comrades lead, others follow.

We noticed with interest an article published recently in the New Era Supplement and signed by Capt. John P. Lunka of SS Peter and Paul Lodge, SSCU, of Joliet, Ill. Bro. Lunka, by the way, is captain of the Joliet bowling combine (B team). He invites the Comrades to a bowling match game at Joliet, Ill. Do you mean the Comrade "crack" challenge team or the Comrade Boosters? Should the Comrades accept your challenge, four bowling teams will make the trip to Joliet, two Comrade men's bowling teams, one Comrade girls' bowling team and the St. Rocus' Lodge bowling team. For further particulars get in touch with the submitter of this article at 825 Wadsworth Ave., Waukegan, Ill.

John Petrovic, No. 193, SSCU.

"Where does she get her good looks?"

"From her dad."

"Handsome man, eh?"

"No—druggist."

SPORTING BITS

OUR ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Around Christmas time some people like to review the work of the year past. I happen to be one of these individuals. As athletic commissioner, I have watched very closely the developments of athletics among our lodges, and take great pride to say that the interest displayed has been very much increased.

At the present time basketball and bowling occupy the picture. For the first time in the history of our South Slavonic Catholic Union national champion lodges will be decided in these two sports. A number of lodges have organized teams that will participate in the forthcoming series. May the best team win.

I am sure that the plans outlined at the Athletic Conference held in Cleveland, O., Sept. 12 and 13 will bear fruit in the form of increased membership. The youth has every reason to become zealous in the fraternal work conducted by our Union. No effort is too great, no obstacle too big where the welfare of our Union is concerned.

I wish all the members a Merry Christmas, and sincerely hope that when the next Christmas comes around we shall have reason to feel jubilant over the success that is sure to be, when the present athletic program is carried out.

It is up to us, the younger members of our Union, to carry athletics on the highest scale among our lodges.

Athletic Commissioner.

Bouha and Gorencic Star for G. W.'s

Lose Games by Slim Margins

Cleveland, O.—Opposed by a team with years of basketball experience, the George Washington Lodge girls' basketball quintet put up a good fight Wednesday, Dec. 10, and held the Spartans in the first half of the game, score being 9 to 6 in favor of the opponents. The cherry tree choppers clicked smoothly, even though they were opposed by a team that played last year on the Arrow Letter Service, Class A. Height and weight were also advantageous to the Spartans.

Despite all this the G. W.'s kept the opponents on their toes until the last quarter, when they weakened. Final score was 22 to 10 in favor of the Spartans. Julia Bouha, Washington guard, made two long field goals from the center of the floor, and did some nice guarding, as did Anna Jaklich, who contributed two points. Jean Gorencic, forward, made four points and surprised the G. W. followers with her brilliant floor work, dribbling the ball time and again around the opposition. The rest of the girls did their share and contributed to the team's good showing.

In the other games, Sokols beat Comrades, 20 to 4; the Flashes got the edge on the Progressives by a 17 to 7 count, while the Silver Masks bowed to St. Anns by a close score of 9 to 7.

Angela Hlabse.

Liberty Lodge Meeting

Duluth, Minn.—Liberty Lodge, No. 107, SSCU, will hold the next meeting Dec. 20, at the Foresters Hall, 7:30 p. m. Election of new officers will take place, so it is our earnest desire to have all the members present.

Let's start the new year 1931 by making a greater effort to secure additional members. It is also requested of every member to attend our monthly meetings regularly, which are held every third Sunday of the month.

Any suggestions from our members toward improving the status of our lodge will be appreciated and given consideration. Come on, members, let's have your co-operation.

Mary E. Tromblay, Sec'y.

Engage yourself in the work of the lodge, and thus help increase the interest.

Louis Polaski Jr., Pres.

Collegians Elect Officers

Canonsburg, Pa.—At the annual meeting of the Jefferson Collegians Lodge, No. 205, SSCU, held Sunday, Dec. 7, the following officers were elected for the year 1931: Louis Polaski Jr., president, succeeding August Lawrence, whose good work was very much appreciated by the lodge members; John Lombardi, vice president; Pauline Farbro, former recording secretary, took over Ann Retzel's position as secretary; Sophia Sustrich, recording secretary; Steve Lombardi was re-elected treasurer. Samuel Dellarsio, Sophia Polaski and Anna Retzel comprise the board of trustees.

John Petrovic, No. 193, SSCU.

