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Nova Doba

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

CURRENT THOUGHT

Necessary Information

Before a salesman goes out to make a sale, let us say an automobile, he is prepared to bring out all the good qualities of the product he represents. He is also prepared to answer any possible questions that might be asked of the construction, material, mechanism and how his machine compares with that of other makes.

So, too, must our members be prepared when they make contacts with prospective candidates for membership to our SSCU. She or he must be acquainted with the benefits offered by our company; how our insurance compares with that of the insurance companies; how our SSCU operates.

Our SSCU as an organization is by no means a complex one and hard to comprehend. A reading of our constitution and by-laws will inform every member minutely of the manner in which our organization operates.

In our national drive for new members we must keep in mind the principal benefits that our SSCU has to offer to the prospective candidate, which are as follows:

DEATH BENEFITS

Plan "AA", or ordinary life insurance. Certificates range from \$250 to \$2,000 death benefits, which have a reserve and loan value at the end of three years after being issued.

Plan "B", or 20-year payment life insurance. Certificates range from \$250 to \$2,000 death benefits, which have a reserve and loan value at the end of two years and a loan value at the end of three years after being issued; and such reserve, in case of non-payment of assessments, may be used for automatic extended insurance."

Plan "C", or 20-year endowment life insurance. Certificates range from \$250 to \$2,000 death benefits, which have a reserve and loan value at the end of two years after being issued.

SICK BENEFITS

Our Union carries two classes of sick benefit insurance: \$1.00 a day sick benefit.

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ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY INSURANCE
Our SSCU carries accident insurance ranging from \$25.00 for loss of the small or fourth finger up to \$800.00 for the loss both legs above the knees. For the loss of the entire leg above the knee our Union will pay \$400.00 to the member carrying insurance, etc.

Our Union pays indemnity benefits to members in cases of removal of appendix, he or she will receive \$65.00 for the removal of appendix, he or she will receive \$65.00 indemnity benefit.

The cost to members for carrying accident and indemnity insurance is but TEN CENTS a month.

For a more detailed reference of accident and indemnity benefits members should turn to pages 142, 143, 144 and 145 (English section) of the constitution and by-laws.

DISABILITY BENEFIT

Members of the SSCU may insure themselves against disability for which our Union pays \$10.00 a month.

Members of the SSCU have an option of carrying all the types of insurance; or, if they prefer, only death benefits; or death benefits and sick benefits; or death, sick, accident and indemnity benefits. Most of the members are insured for death, sick, accident and indemnity, and disability benefits.

From the S. S. C. U. Home Office

ATTENTION, MEMBERS RESIDING IN MILWAUKEE AND WEST ALLIS, WIS.

There is a SSCU subordinate lodge in Milwaukee, Wis., numbered 225, of which Mrs. Pauline Vogrich, 636 S. 5th St., Milwaukee, Wis., is secretary. The lodge meets every third Sunday at 2 p. m. in the South Side Turner Hall.

The Home Office has been advised that there are still a number of member residents in Milwaukee and West Allis who so far failed to transfer their membership from their present lodges to Lodge No. 225.

According to the By-Laws, each and every member is required to belong to a lodge nearest to his residence; therefore, the duty of every member who resides in the above named cities, and who so far failed to transfer to Lodge No. 225, to immediately write to the secretary of his present lodge for a transfer card to Lodge No. 225; otherwise the member stands the chance of being suspended as provided in Section 455 of the By-Laws, and in the event of sickness would not be entitled to benefits.

Secretaries of subordinate lodges having members residing in cities of Milwaukee and West Allis are duty bound to ensure the provisions of Section 455 in all cases where the member refuses to comply with the requirements of the By-Laws as set forth.

ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary.

Editor's Note

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Pittsburgher on Parade

Western Pennsylvania Anxiously Anticipates Pittsburgh Spring Frolic

Pittsburgh, Pa.—On the highways and byways of every SSSCU town in western Pennsylvania gossip holds sway concerning the coming Pittsburgh Spring Dance. No doubt this enthusiasm emanated from the feverishly busy membership which is not leaving a single stone unturned in its preparations to make this, their first social venture since their recent activity of reorganization, one replete with every minute detail leading to a grand elaboration.

Since the beginning of the year a new spirit seized the membership, a new zeal to regain for Pittsburgher the pre-eminence it once maintained in the SSSCU. It started out in January when a fully determined set of officers voted to make a go of it. The members did not wait long to pounce upon this enthusiasm and since, on Feb. 8, a gigantic Pep Rally was eclipsed with an astounding success. This Pep Rally did more to further the SSSCU endeavor in Pittsburgh than did any other affair held by its members; it collaborated a more firm membership and it brought home to many the vital need of their support for their Slovene institution, the SSSCU.

The orchestra which the Pittsburghers have engaged for the evening's feature entertainment is one which has of late gained a prominence among the music lovers of Pittsburgh. It is a group of musicians who have become renowned for their rendition of numbers in three styles. It is declared all around the city that their waltzes smack of Wayne King; their fox-trots are as supreme as those of Guy Lombardo, and their jive-jack-jazz is executed in such a way as only Cab Calloway knows how. This DOES seem incredible, yet we leave it to your own judgment.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are proud to present on Saturday night, April 21, at the Slovene Auditorium, 57th and Butler Streets, Johnny Balkovec and his Moonlight Serenaders.

It is also with great pleasure that we tell you that Johnny Balkovec is none other than the son of Mr. John Balkovec Sr., second Supreme Trustee of SSSCU.

So, come on, and let us all get set in a real peppy manner, as we must uphold the SSSCU traditions; and we must make it an hilarious and joyous evening (April 21), that it may long linger in our cherished recollections.

I'll be seein' ya.
You're all invited.

Jos. (Peppy) Sprohar,
No. 196, SSSCU.

SOLDER

There are several dozen formulas for solders available in Henley's 20th Century Book of Formulas. Common soft solder is made from various combinations of tin, lead and bismuth. Thirty-seven parts of lead and 63 parts of tin melted together make a good solder for average purposes.

Good Reason

Car Salesman: Yes, sir, this car is absolutely the very last word.

Customer: Good! I'll take it. My wife loves the last world.

BRIEFS

Picture of our new home office building is published on the first page of this issue of Nova Doba. Although the building has been in use since January of this year, and formally dedicated on Jan. 27, a satisfactory picture of the SSSCU headquarters could not be obtained until recently. As shown on the cut, the exterior of the SSSCU home office consists of large blocks of stone, which creates a structure of beauty. Inside, the offices are modern in every detail.

Louis Adamic, writer of the "Native's Return," will lecture in Cleveland on Tuesday, April 3, in the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave. Admission is free, as announced by the sponsors. On Monday, April 9, Mr. Adamic will lecture in the Slovene National Home of Lorain, O. Louis Adamic is on a national lecture tour, and most of the proceeds derived from the lectures go into the treasury of the Foreign Language Information Service, an organization which is trying to build up a fund with which to send out other lecturers among the immigrants.

K. S. K. J. (Grand Carniolian Slovenian Catholic Union) will observe its 40th anniversary on April 1, 1934. A special issue of the KSKJ's official organ, Glasilo, will be published on April 3, to commemorate the founding of the society. Eight delegates representing a membership of 333 attended the first KSKJ convention, out of which four delegates are still living, as are the first supreme president and first supreme treasurer.

"Triumvirate of SSSCU English-Conducted Lodges" is the name selected for the three English SSSCU units of Cleveland, O., in their joint sponsorship of the "Acquaintance Night" to be held Wednesday, April 11, in the Slovene Workingmen's Home on Waterloo Rd. Members and friends of the SSSCU are cordially invited to attend. Admission is only 10 cents. A list of speakers and several vaudeville acts have been secured for the "Acquaintance Night." Dr. A. L. Garbas, doctor of dentistry, will be chairman of the program.

Importation and sale of Louis Adamic's "The Native's Return" has been prohibited in Jugoslavia, as ordered by the Minister of Interior, and so reported recently by Jutro, newspaper daily of Ljubljana.

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Pathfinders

Gowanda, N. Y.—Arrowhead Lodge, No. 184, SSSCU, how are you coming along in your membership campaign? Better not let any grass grow under your feet, because we are out to beat you. This week we intended to announce some of the new members which we have procured since March 1; but inasmuch as the Nova Doba will run a special membership campaign appeal on April 4, we will withhold the information until then. We hope to surprise you. We also wish you success in your efforts.

Pathfinders, be sure to read the April 4 edition. As you know, this membership campaign will last an indefinite time; however, we have set July as the date on which we shall have a bigger organization than the Arrowhead Lodge. Get at least one new member by the next meeting. Have you noticed the new spirit displayed by the Pathfinders the last few months? And especially since we accepted the Arrowhead challenge. Just take, for example, the big turnout at our March meeting, which showed the largest attendance of any organization meeting in the local Slovene Hall.

Please take note that our April meeting will be held on Thursday evening, April 19, instead of April 17. However, all future monthly meetings will be held on the usual third Tuesday of the month. After our April meeting Helene Strauss, Elizabeth Schultz and Frances Strauss will have charge of the party and refreshments. Don't forget that the Moonlight Serenaders, an eight-piece orchestra, will furnish the music for the occasion. Start now and invite your friends to attend this party, because we want to make it a big night.

In connection with our Anniversary Dance on April 28, I should have done something, too, about writing a play; but I sort of pawned my part on to Mary and Martin Voneina. These two, with the assistance and suggestions of Louise and Philip Palic, should have been given the credit for writing the play, and not as it was erroneously reported in last week's Nova Doba. Mary and Martin, we are sorry that this happened. Watch future announcements regarding the entertainment for that evening. Talk about this Anniversary Dance because that will bring us success in a large measure.

Note to Little Stan: I was very glad to read that you would attend our Third Anniversary Dance on April 28, if I send you an airplane. Just to show you how accommodating I am, I have started to collect some old boxes and wine barrels, and with this material I intend to make an airplane for you. For the motor I intend to dismantle my bicycle and reassemble it so that if you pump fast enough you can make the propeller revolve sufficiently to carry you to good old Gowandy. If I don't get the plane completed in time for the dance, I am almost tempted to come to Ely with my old gray mare; but she ain't what she used to be. This horse, Nancy, is the leading character in the play to be presented on the night of the dance, and so we must take good care of her. She has rheumatism in her right hind leg, but this usually improves as Spring approaches;

Rubber It In!
Policeman (to pedestrian just struck by hit-and-skip driver): Did you get his number?
Customer: Good! I'll take it. My wife loves the last world.
Victim: No, but I'd recognize his laugh anywhere.

Protest

East Palestine, O.—Bonds issued by cities, school districts, counties, etc., have always been considered by all as a safe form of investment. But the passage of the Federal Municipal Bankruptcy Bill would impair very much the safety of investment in bonds of the above-mentioned type. Fraternal organizations are the largest owners of such bonds. Therefore, the passage of this bill would be a direct blow to them.

Every fraternal organization in this country should do its utmost in preventing the enactment of this law. The protest of every individual helps. The entire membership of the SSSCU should and will lend a voice in this nation-wide protest. Most all members are aware of the power of the voter. And don't forget, senators do not pass over lightly what the voters of their respective states have to say.

So, members of the SSSCU, blend your voices with those of members of other fraternities—and certainly the voice of millions must be heard.

Joe Golicic, No. 41, SSSCU.

Colo. Sunshine Speaks

Denver, Colo.—I have just finished my funny story and sent it in to the Bachelors; I enjoyed writing it and had more fun than writing any letter. Just try it and see for yourself; it will be the funniest few minutes you ever experienced while writing.

In perusing the various articles, what did I find but a splendid one from the lodge in Aspen, Colo. It is really interesting to read from all these surrounding lodges located in some of the most beautiful spots of the Rockies. I have visited Aspen a few years ago, and I can say that it was a great silver town at that time. I hope the town will regain some of its prominence. You can expect a lot of Denver folks for visitors.

I also noticed an article from a lodge in Salida, Colo., which is located on one of the highest mountains. This lodge has a Lone Weasel up there. He found a shadow, and he sure is having some fun with him. All I have to say is that it takes a weasel to play with a shadow; and you have to be very slick, especially when you can pull a fast one over on the shadow. We are all waiting in suspense to know how the Lone Weasel pulled this fast one.

And that campaign for new members; we sure are keeping it in mind. And believe you me, the members are busy as bees talking to prospective candidates, for they are after the lodge prize besides the awards offered by our Union. Moreover, the winner of the membership campaign prize offered by our lodge entitles him or her to free admission to all our entertainments, trips, etc. Hence, the reason why all of our members are so eager to enroll new members.

A word to Little Stan: You big sweet little stiff, you shouldn't use that Winchell stuff on JUST ME, because JUST ME is just me; and just me would rather you act like Gable, for that would suit me fine. In a whispering tone I am saying to you: Pay a little more attention to her at the next meeting for just me. O. K? Fine. Until then keep Smiling with Colorado Sunshine.

F. J. Smole, Sec'y,
No. 201, SSSCU.

and so I might be seeing you guys anyway.

Pathfinders, there will be a dance at the Slovene Hall on April 7, which should also receive your support. An out-of-town orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion.

Ernest Palic Jr., Sec'y,
No. 222, SSSCU.

Just Jesting

Springdale, Pa.—The struggling clerks of Ye Ole Country Store (the Bachelors) present their last plea to the SSSCU members for more funny stories. To date, our contest has not proved so successful and from the publication of this article you have only two more days to submit your entries. Please co-operate with us and help us make this contest a great success. There is still a lot of room in our picture album for the photographs of our SSSCU friends. Where can you find a better place for your treasured photographs? This is one book we will always be proud of and will never fail to protect.

A photograph of two or more persons will be accepted, but please state the position of the contributor. We are sorry for not mentioning this before, as we believe this may be one of the reasons for the shortage of stories. Again we urge the members to co-operate with us.

The two-dollar bill, which we are offering as the prize to the winner of this Funny Story Contest, is greatly in need of a new companion. We have kept this bill for a long time and it is aching to get back into circulation. (We hope President Roosevelt doesn't read this, as he may arrest us for hoarding.) For the last time, we urge co-operation from our fellow members and a new boss for the two-dollar bill.

Speaking of hoarding money reminds us of the Scotch. The only difference between a Scotchman and a canoe is that a canoe will tip. Also, the only difference between the Scotchman in question and a coconut is that you can get a drink out of a coconut.

Folks, getting out this article is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly; if we don't, they say we are too serious; if we clip things from other papers, we are too lazy to write them ourselves; if we stick close to the job all the time, we ought to be out hunting up news; if we go out and try to hustle, we ought to be in the store; if we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius; and if we do print them, the article is filled with junk. If we make a change in the other fellow's write-ups, we are too critical; if we don't, we are asleep. Now, like as not, some guy will say we swiped this from some magazine. Well, WE DID!</

"TENTH BROTHER"

By Josip Jurčič

Translated from the Slovene Text by Joseph L. Mihelic

"How often I saw you in my dreams; now you are before my eyes in reality; it seems to me as if an old dear friend were extending his arm to me."

And as if he were trying to calm his heart which beat turbulent in his bosom, he crossed his hands on the chest and looked on.

The fields are almost cleared. A light breeze sways the grass on the meadow which extends far up to the castle. There, beneath the castle he sees the lord's cattle on the meadow: the herder, as he reclines on the ground; and the dog, which like a good shepherd dog runs around the horny animals, and barks and turns them back, now this and now that stray animal. On the neighboring fields he sees workers cutting corn stalks and carrying them on a stack. It seems to Kvas—we already know that the reader recognized him—it seems to him that he sees there the tall figure of lord Benjamin, standing in the midst of his servants and serfs. Then he recalled how he parted from this man, and from this place where he was happy, happier than in any other place in the distant world.

At that time he never thought that he would ever return—invited and awaited! He could never have even imagined that he would some day be the owner of the small castle which he sees on the east side.

Out of these thoughts he was awakened by the shouting which was coming from behind the bushes: "Hey! I tell you, hey, you old goat!"

He turned and recognized the known picture from former days—Kjavelj.

The man looked older, and dressed in more shabby and seedy clothes than before, but of the same puffed-up face and small, lively eyes. He pulled a spotted goat, tied with a thick rope around her neck. In his left hand he held a club, and since the goat refused to follow him, he stopped every so often, beat her up unmercifully, and then again pulled her behind himself, heaping maledictions upon the dumb animal.

In such a manner Kjavelj pulled the goat to the place where Kvas stood.

"What is the reason for beating the animal?" asked Kvas.

"Wha-at?" shouted Kjavelj, walking past him with his goat. "She lost herself. I did not see her for two days. I was watching her, and repairing my shoe, and all at once she disappeared as if the devil took her."

How I suffered on account of her! I could not sleep for two days, and if I dozed away, I dreamed of nothing else but goat. I could neither eat sour milk nor bread, and all I did is look for her everywhere I could think of; through the woods and fields; called and shouted myself hoarse, 'Here, Spotty, here!' But do you think that she heard me? I cried and shed tears just like I do whenever I recall my late mother or my Urška. Do you think that a goat has any sympathy for a human being? No, not even if he were skinned alive would she have any sympathy! Just wait, I will give it to you yet!"

And in truth Kjavelj turned and began to lay it on thick on the poor goat for punishment, because she caused him so much worry and trouble.

"Stop beating the poor animal!" ordered Kvas. "The animal has no understanding!"

"Wha-at!" shouted Kjavelj. "If you are siding with my goat, which before God and the people is a sinful animal, you are no better than her!"

Kvas smiled at the old man's anger.

"Can you tell me if there is anything new at the Slemenice? How is uncle Dolef?" he asked him in order to change the conversation, and at the same time learn something.

"Dolef? Did you know him? To be sure, he was a gentleman, too, when he was young like you. Dolef is already where there are no flies—as the Tenth Brother used to say before he died—three feet under the sod. — But you said before that a goat has no understanding!"

"He died, you say? Is that true?" asked Kvas surprised.

"The Tenth Brother? Why, yes!"

"Dolef?"

"Also Dolef. By Obršak he soused himself with gin last winter, and then got stuck in the snow behind the hog pen. The moon gave him the light, and the pigs entertained him with their grunting on his last hour. May God forgive them. Obršak slaughtered them already, and I got a couple of sausages from them. — Dolef froze to death."

At the mention of the tragic end of Dolef, whom God gave a great intellect and many other talents, Kvas became serious and pensive.

In his jabbering Kjavelj also mentioned the Tenth Brother. This switched Kvas' thoughts from the unfortunate Dolef to Martinek, and eager to learn in what memory is his late cousin, he inquired: "Is it long already since the Tenth Brother died?"

"Let him be dead!" murmured Kjavelj. "He had money; stayed by me, and I nursed him in his sickness. But do you think that he left me anything? Nothing! But I know who is to blame for that."

"Who?"

"Here, at the Slemenice, was at that time a certain cheat and braggard for a teacher, you know one of those who teach reading and writing, and I do not know what else. Well, this rascal was by Martinek when he was dying, and advised him not to leave me anything. I know that he did this, even though I begged him to mention me in the last will which he wrote for Martinek. If I could only lay my hands on him again, I would break every bone in him, throw him in the water, and even bawl him out, so that he would remember me the rest of his days."

"Would you recognize him, if he should come to you now, Kjavelj?"

"Sure! Just like a wooden nickel. I would recognize him. He is just like you, only he does not have such a wolfish beard like you. Some say that Marian, who moved to the castle Savnik about two hours from here, and married Dr. Vencelj's daughter—that he gave him the castle Polesek for nothing, mind you, for nothing! But I do not believe this, because I know too well that Marian is not so crazy as to give away property like that. Especially to such a good-for-nothing like this one. If he really has too much, why does not he give to me or to someone else?"

"But, Kjavelj, are you sure that the teacher is really such a good-for-nothing as you say?"

"Sure, that I know! But who are you, and from where do you come that you know me by my name?" asked Kjavelj eagerly.

"I came from Vienna."

"What! Am I known there, too? I am going to tell this by Bučar tonight. But it is possible that they know me there, too! They probably heard in Vienna that I am that Kjavelj who was a sailor, and cut the

Slovenec, No. 114

Ely, Minn.—The next regular meeting of Slovenec Lodge, No. 114, SSCU, will be held Sunday afternoon, April 15, starting at 12:30 p. m., and all members are invited to attend. A social hour will follow the meeting, with lunch and beer following. Members, let's get together for an enjoyable afternoon!

J. J. Boldin, Sec'y.

Come Up and Have a Dance

Center, Pa.—Let us acquaint you with some good news. First we must abandon all other dates for April 28, 1934, and turn our attention toward a big affair.

Our almanac tells us we will have nice weather through the day and the moon and Milky Way will be out that night. Won't you and your chum be one of the cavalcade that night?

For you, husbands, let your wives give you a curtain lecture on this great event and let your attention be guided by them. Yes, this will be an active, adventurous night. Come and fill the Slovene Hall to the exit.

Come in your limousine, in an airplane, or on a steed, as there is sufficient parking space.

With this hall in the midst of the hamlet, everyone in Center should be there. For you who do not know how to dance, come regardless, for the steps are easy to follow. We must thank the Bohemians for originating the polkas. Both for the young and the old dancing is a good hobby. We can assure you that you will not have to look at the corners of the hall, but instead find yourselves dancing on the floor.

Refreshments will be served in the basement. As members of this great fraternity, we believe that we should help our neighboring Center Ramblers Lodge, which is holding this dance. Yes, Lodge No. 33, SSCU, will have many of its members present at this dance. Keep up your spirit, Center Ramblers. Get your 25-cent tickets from one of the Center Rambler members immediately.

Vic and Ver Kacin,
No. 33, SSCU.

devil himself in two. Is it not so? Mh, mh, God knows if the emperor knows about me, too? How does the emperor look anyway? Did you ever talk with him?"

Lovre smiled. That Kjavelj could be happy of his glory—though imaginary—this he did not know.

"But what is your name, master? I like to know, so that I can tell to others," asked Kjavelj.

"I am Lovre Kvas, and that Polesek is mine."

Kjavelj looked at him dumfounded; he stopped with his goat, placed his large hand on Kvas' shoulder, and then all happy and overjoyed exclaimed, "What, is it really you? But, yes, yes, it is you! Why, I am more glad to see you than if I would see my late Urška, whom I really loved once. God give you health! By devil, I always talked good about you, and praised you wherever I came."

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What Now?

Ely, Minn.—Come on, boys, pull out your tuxedos and take your best girl to the big Easter Monday Ball, which is being sponsored by the C. and M. Rangers, on April 2, at the Washington Auditorium. The music is to be furnished by Matty's Revellers of Virginia. Oh, boy, what an orchestra! If you've never danced to their music before, here's your chance. What's more, you don't have to be a Henry Ford or a John D. Rockefeller to attend, for the admission is to be reasonable.

This invitation includes all people from the range as well as all the home-town folks. So, crank up the old Ford and come to Ely for a good time. Don't let the heat or the cold keep you away. Those who are especially interested in dancing will be favored, for we begin at 9 and shuffle until ? ? ?

Let's all get together for a good time. The greater the crowd, the merrier the entertainment. We'll wind up the old constitutions and let 'em go!

Anna Nosan,

No. 1, SSCU.

Enroll New Members

Gowanda, N. Y.—We should all work together to make things a success. I didn't realize what co-operation meant to a lodge until the last few meetings. Let's keep it up, members, and see if we can have even better meetings.

Our last meeting turned out to be a great success. There were over half of the members present. All ready with plenty of vim and vigor to take their parts on committees for our Third Anniversary Dance that is to be held by the Pathfinders on April 28. Although all of the plans have not been completed, we have chosen Helene Strauss, one of our most active members, as head of the decorating committee. Come on, girls, let us all help Helene make the hall look nice. Louis Andolsek and Ernest Palic, who are just a couple of our most efficient officers, will secure the orchestra. Louis says that we are going to have a good orchestra, if he and Ernest have to go out of the state to get one.

New members were initiated at this meeting any many candidates proposed for membership. To these I wish to say that they will never regret joining the Pathfinders. If we keep up the pace for securing new members, we sure will beat the Arrowheads. Let's hope we do.

The subject of a softball team for both the boys and girls was brought up by one of the members. It was finally decided that they might organize a team, let's see all of the good athletes turn out and make the team a success, so that we will be able to participate in the league games; perhaps with some other SSCU lodges.

The boys are ahead in the ticket selling contest. Come on, girls, I'm sure we can beat them if we try a little harder. Let us keep in mind the three prizes offered to the members selling the greatest number of tickets.

Various card games were played after the meeting. Luncheon was served by the girls. Then all went home with smiles on their faces, saying: "Let's hope we have as good a time at our next meeting. Members, don't forget our next meeting comes on the 19th of April instead of the 12th. I've heard rumors that there will be an orchestra and dancing after the next meeting. Hope to see you all on the third Tuesday of April.

Anna Krasovec,

No. 222, SSCU.

Carnival Dance

Walsenburg, Colo.—Hello, everybody! What happened to the young American Boosters? Nothing. Were we asleep? Well, you know, it was Lent, but we have been planning a lot regardless. What? Well, that is a secret now, but we will let you in on the plans the next time.

Walsenburg weather is just fine. Colorado Sunshine, how is Denver?

We heard from our neighboring lodge in St. Louis. We can't let the cat out of the bag this time, but here is the mouse. We are extending a special invitation to all neighboring lodges to come and see us sometime.

When? Saturday night, April 14, at 9 o'clock.

Where? Walsenburg Pavilion.

Why? To attend the biggest and best carnival dance of the season. Come on, let us all go and have a good time together.

Mary R. Dolenc, Sec'y,

No. 216, SSCU.

Trade Recovery

A canvass of views and buying plans during the first week of January showed that retailers throughout the country are convinced that trade recovery is well on the way. The reasons assigned for a universal feeling of confidence in placing forward orders above any pre-spring period for at least four years give an insight into the working of NRA codes of fair competition.

Proprietors of independent stores in all branches assigned as a primary reason the fact that it is no longer necessary to pit one manufacturer against another on the score of price alone. That is owing to the uniformity of working and output conditions demanded by the codes. All buyers interviewed by the New York Times said the effect of the retail code, forbidding sales below invoice costs, creates an unprecedented degree of confidence.

Our last meeting turned out to be a great success. There were over half of the members present. All ready with plenty of vim and vigor to take their parts on committees for our Third Anniversary Dance that is to be held by the Pathfinders on April 28. Although all of the plans have not been completed, we have chosen Helene Strauss, one of our most active members, as head of the decorating committee. Come on, girls, let us all help Helene make the hall look nice. Louis Andolsek and Ernest Palic, who are just a couple of our most efficient officers, will secure the orchestra. Louis says that we are going to have a good orchestra, if he and Ernest have to go out of the state to get one.

Confidence in improved sales was shared equally by executives of department stores, specialty shops, and chain merchandising establishments. They pointed out that more than 75 per cent of the lines carried by the three classifications now are covered by the regulations of the various manufacturer codes.

In the house furnishings field, the expectation is that trade will benefit by a large wave of replacement buying of many items the purchase of which was deferred throughout the depression for a reason which never heretofore prevailed. They refer to the end of the practice of doubling-up of families in apartments, made possible by re-employment of millions of heads of families. This condition alone they say gives a tremendous start to consumer buying.

Dun and Bradstreet's survey showed "most stores have revised their early buying budgets upward, some as much as 20 per cent, and are building up their inventories with much of the freedom which characterized 1929." The marked significance of all explanations advanced for continued progress toward better times is that both purposes of the National Industrial Recovery Act are emphasized: Re-employment and stabilization of the nation's business.

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Gopher News Casting**By Little Stan**

Ely, Minn.—Here I am, sitting by the old typewriter, and listening to the NBC Breakfast Clubbers playing the good old Spring Song, as the snow falls thick and fast just outside my doorstep!

Just like me to start talking about the weather first! But there really is so much to tell you that Little Stan will try to stop his nonsense, and continue his news casting. The Gopher gals came through with victory No. 2 as they trimmed the Italian gals by a score of 10 to 6 in a rather slow game. The reason it was so slow was because the girls agreed not to pull any hair, as there was still much snow left on the ground, and they had to have something to keep their ears warm! Mary Kuzma led the scoring attack, scoring 7 of the 10 points made by the Gopher gals.

Tsk, tsk! The Gophers are also planning a new membership campaign and will try to give the Arrowheads some competition in this heated contest. The Gopher boys were saying that we should have many more girls, and here's your chance to get them, boys and girls!

Gopher show, "Pack Up Your Troubles," goes over with a bang. The Opera House Theater commends the Gophers on their salesmanship, as the manager informs Little Stan that the Gophers brought the best business in a long time. It filled the Gopher treasury, too!

Work on that Gopher play is progressing slowly, but surely, and it promises to be great.

Forest and Lakes Lodge sponsors a successful dance at the Washington Auditorium, with Rudy Krize at the musical helm. Rangers are sponsoring an Easter Monday ball at the Washington Auditorium, with Mattie and his Revellers furnishing the music. Little Stan will be there with bells on!

Gopher meeting on April 12. Come up prepared for the best time you will have had in the longest time!

The Sheppell Sisters and the Harmonica Twisters will be in Hibbing, Minn., on Saturday, April 7, to be the guests of the Slovene American Club, where they will entertain at the club's dance. Little Stan may be there, too, that is, if nothing else comes up! So, Hibbing, open up, 'cause here we come! O. K., Mr. Stark!

Everybody keep their eyes

Rado Murnik:

NA BLEDU

(Nadaljevanje)

"Potrpežljivost je vseh ženskih krepstov smetana! Hm, pa tisti pes, tisti mops, kaj? Zvest mops! Brigita je izkusila že toliko človeške nezvestobe, zato časti stanovitnega mopsa bolj, kakor neumni starci Egipčani svoje svete krokodile, ibise, bice in mačke. Naklonila mu je mastno pokojnino z naslovom in značajem višjega salonskega mopsa, dala se je z njim v naročju slikati in obeta, da ga da napažati; potem takem bi se kuža lahko klasično veselil s Horacijem: Non omnis moriar — ne preminem ves! Poglej, Igor, tamle vesla pa Osojnikova Minka z Janezkom na Jezero!"

Skoraj potem je "na Jezeru" trepetajo zapel mali zvon; tiho in otožno je plul njegov glas nad vodami kakor molitev umirajočega v smrtnem strahu.

Po večerji sem odšel kmalu domov, ker sem se bal, da bi Janko opazil mojo zamišljenost in jo porabil za sijajne dovtipe. Na terasi je svirala zdraviliška godba vsem Anam in Anicam za jutrišnji god. Venomer sem moral misliti na Olgo; zdelo se mi je, da hodi zmeraj poleg mene! Cutil sem veselje, potem otožnost in — zagonetan strah! Zakaj?

Ali sem ljubil Olgo že sedaj? Poznal sem jo komaj en teden. Ah — dozdevalo se mi je, da jo poznam že od nekdaj, od vekoma!

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Dež je šumel po jezeru, bobnal po strešnih skodelah in trkal na nahukla okna. Po ulicah je veter lovil dim in razplete dežnike redkih pasantov. Prej tako živobarvano jezero se je okalilo od velike nejevolje nad slabim vremenom in kuhalo jezo, da so vzkipevali tisočer mehurci. Veseli beli lesket svetišča na otoku je utonil pod dežnimi strunami.

Otožnost je mežala izza sajastih oblakov. Težko smo čakali pošte in časnikov. Domači so mlatili žito na skednju, jaz pa prazno slamo v dnevniku.

Sahat nisem šel več. Hudo sem pogrešal Olgo, hrepelen sem po njenem glasu. Ustanovili smo kegljaško bratovščino, ali Olge ni bilo poleg. Najslebe je kegljal svetnik Oven; bistro je gledal v dež in vzdihal milo: "O, da bi bila to bakarska voda!"

Naposled se je vendar izvedrilo. Lepota in radosť sta zopet sijali v jasni sinjini, radosť in lepota sta lili zemljano v dušo. Jezero se je zopet ljubo nasmehnilo kakor krasno veselo oko in radovalo se da vse naokoli in smehljalo: osveženo zelenje, oprana poto, novo pobljeno veleplanine; srečen nasmeh je poigraval tudi na vedrih obrazih. Iznova so oživele promenade, hladoviti drevoredi, tuščištvo že pomalem orumeneli. Vsak čas so prihajali novi gostje, kolesarji in hribolazi. Zopet je bilo vroče in svetnik Oven se je hladil po ozahe.

Naša kegljaška bratovščina se je premenila v turistovsko. Najprvo smo hodili po blejski okolici in se zabavali neskrbno in razposajeno kakor izpuščeni solarčki. Pozneje smo lazili po solnčnih višavah in mračnih tesneh, po ozkih dragah in širnih dobrovrah. Obiskali smo srebrno openjeno Radovino; demonsko lepo Bohinjsko jezero; bobneča slapa kraljeve Savice in drzovitega skakalca Peričnika; divje veličastni Martulikov jarek pri Kranjski gori; sanjava Klanška dvojčka in Rateče, kranjsko Sibirijo; Koprivnik in Gorjuše, koder je kaplanoval Vodnik, in Vrbo. Prešernovo vas domačo... Povsod smo se težko ločili!

Prekmalo so minuli ti lepi dnevi! Zlasti proti koncu mojega dopusta se mi je zdelo, da beži čas posebno hitro. Ze so šumele čebele po dehteci ajdi. V kratkem bo treba nazaj v dunajsko uradno kletko! Kako neprjetna mi je bila ta misel! Navadil sem se Bleda tako, da se mi je zdel Dunaj že nekaj čisto tujega.

Pri Osojnikovih so bili zopet veseli! Sosedov Jaka je srečno prebil krizo. Ko se je ves znojen prebudil po dolgem trdnem spanju, je čutil, da mu je čudovito odleglo, "kakor bi odrezal." Sopel je laglje, počasneje in globlje; niso ga več bolele ne prsi ne glava; kašelj ga ni več tako mučil. Ponehala je mrzlica in zopet mu je dišala jed. Ozka lica so mu bila še vedno bleda; shujšan je bil in slab. Sestra Liza je rekla, da je tak, kakor bi bil že dva dni ležal v grobu. Kmalu pa se je ojačil toliko, da je mogel na vrt.

Doktor Zalokar je rekel, da je nevarnost sicer minula, da pa je treba še paziti in se varovati prehlajenja. Mojega Janka so gledali in častili ko poluboga. Minka je bila zopet vesela in živahna; lica so ji cvetela, hodila je zopet prožno in ponosno. Glasno se je zasmajala in pela ves dan!

Da ljubim Olgo, sem spoznal že zdavnaj. Veselil sem se tega čustva, kakor da sem našel nekaj novega, nekak izredno lepega in dragocenega! Radosť pa mi je gremila misel, da bom moral kmalu odtod. Ta neprjetna misel se je vračala vedno iznova kakor nadležna muha. Sklenil sem, da razodenem Olgom prvi priček, kaj veli mojega srca glas!

(Dalej prihodnjih)

CVET DIVJINE

(Nadaljevanje z 2. strani) pesem. In vi ste tako čudovita deklica, da jo nobeden ne pozna in ne razume!"

"Pa odkod ste vi doma, če smem vprašati?" povzame deklica.

"Iz srednje, ali prav za prav iz južne Evrope," odvrnem. (Jugoslavije nisem mogel navesti, ker takrat je še ni bilo.)

"Tako!" se zavzame Margie, "tudi moj starci je bil doma iz južne Evrope, pa seveda ne vem, iz katerega kraja, ker ga nisem poznala. V zlatem navalu leta 1848 ali 1849 je bil prisel za zlatom v Californijo. Poročil se je z neko indijansko deklico. Delal je nekaj let in

je bil menda še precej uspešen. Potem pa je na nekak način posrečil, kar v takratnih neurejnih razmerah ni bilo nič čudnega. Moja starci mati je nato pobrala, kar je bilo gotovine, vzel malega sinčka—mojega očeta—in se preselila v ta kraj. Na sinovo ime je kupila ta ranch. Moj oče je poročil senorito, ki se je s svojimi starši priselila v ta kraj iz Mehike. Zdaj pa naj uganem kaj sem in od kod sem doma! Moja divjost je bila način, da podelovali po mojih prednikih. Kaj morem zato, da sem taka!"

Zasmajala se je in jaz z njo.

"Le kar taka ostanite, kot ste," pravim. "Če bi bilo več takih, bi bilo življena na svetu lepše."

"Sicer pa," povzamem, "kdo ve, če nisva še nekoliko sorodne krv. Ime Oblak je navadno in razširjeno v naših krajih, Ircev O'Blackov pa ni v južni Evropi."

"Vse je lahko, vse je lahko," se razvname deklica; "morda sem vam prav vsled tega nekako posebno zaupala, ko sem vas prvič ugledala. Morda sva res nekoliko sorojaka. Če je tako, potem sva pa res lahko prav dobra priatelja."

Podala mi je roko in srečer, prav slovenski, smehljaj je razčaril obraz.

Hip nato je ugledala na strmini nekaj, kar je bilo po njenem mnenju cvet kaktusa. Res sva našla na velikem bodečem kaktusu par žarno rdečih cvetov. Margie je z dolgim rezalom nožička izrezala izmed bočnih dva cveta. Enega je pripela sebi, drugega pa je izročila meni, češ, da mi ga poklanja kot sorojaku.

In zvonko se je zasmajala, ko sem dejal, da bom ta cvet varno spravil, kot spomin na najčudovitejšo kaktejo, ki sem jo srečal kdaj v življenu.

Drugi dan sem odpotoval in nikoli več me ni pot prinesla v tiste kraje. Vendar pa se se včasi, posebno, kadar se govorilo velikonočnih počitnicah, domisljam na cvet kakteje v državi New Mexico. Ni morda tudi brez vzroka, da si je država New Mexico izbrala kaktus ali kaktejo za svojo državno cvetko. New Mexico je posebnega tipa dežela in kakteja je prav posebne vrste cvetka.

Lansko leto v septembetu sem moje enotedenške počitnice pridelal za poset svetovne razstave v Chicagu. Vročega popoldne sem počival na klopcu visokega hodnika, kjer je bilo nekoliko sence. Zložno sem vlekel cigar, razmišljaj o nenevadni vročini in gledal vrvenje na razstavnem prostoru. Par klopi pred menoj je sedela ženska srednjih let, ki je istotako počivala. Obraza je nisem videl in se tudi nisem zanimal.

Videl sem, da je ženska nekaj šarila po svoji ročni torbicni, nakar je vstala in se odpravila naprej. S krila ji je pri tem padla na tla neka koverta, česar pa ženska ni opazila. "Pa kako živite, vam li vaše novo delo ugaja?" ji sežem v besedo.

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mo ob sebi razume. Opazil sem, da je Margie še vedno prožna kot grška boginja divje narave, lica so ji se vedno lepa, le nekako bolj zarjavela kot pred leti, a oči so še vedno iste, polne zagonetnega ognja, ki je lasten prelestnim senoritam juga. "Kako, da se nekatera ženska nikoli ne postarajo," sem ugasil na tihem. Na glas pa sem vprašal:

"Kaj pa počenjate v Californiji, ste li tudi tam učiteljica?"

"Ne, zlato iščem," se zasmajala.

Ko pa vidi, da jo nekako nevjetno gledam, nadaljuje:

"Par let je že, kar sem izgubila učiteljsko službo. Saj veste, depresija! Ni bilo denarja za plačevanje učitelje, pa je bilo treba iti. Na domu, kjer gospodari brat, nisem hotela ostati, dasi bi bila lahko. Sem še vedno tistih nazorov, da ne marjam, da bi me kdo drug vzdrževal. Imela sem nekaj prihankov in podala sem se v California. Čitala sem, da je mnogo ljudi lotilo iskanja zlata v pesku rek, ki je včasi vseboval mnogo te dragocene kovine, zdaj pa je po večini izčrpali. V žilah imam menda nekaj zlatoiskalske krv po mojem starem očetu, pa sem se lotila tega posla. Trdo delo je to in večkrat se niti malo ne izplača. Včasi mi ves dan dela ni prinesel niti 25 centov vrednosti. Včasi sem zasluzila komaj dolar ali dva. Včasi pa sem zasluzila tudi po pet, deset in več dolarjev. V splošnem vzeto sem imela srečo. Napravila sem za življjenje in si se prilično vsotico prihranila.

Povrnil se je zopet "domov" v Ameriko "s čustvom, da je to dežela, kamor on zares spada."

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