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Drage odbornice in članice:



AHAJAMO se v najvažnejšem mesecu leta. DECEMBER je mesec glavnih sej, vseh naših krajevnih podružnic in članstvo je vladno prošeno, da pride vsaj ta mesec na seje in pomaga pri ukrepanju najbolj važnih točk poslovanja. Dovolite mi, da se tudi jaz pridružujem vabilom vaših odbornic in ž njimi vred apeliram na vas vse, da greste na sejo. Skoraj po vseh sejah se bo vršila tudi družabna ura in lepo društveno razvedrilo je vsaki osebi v korist. Odtrgajte se za par ur od doma na dan seje in veselo presenetite svoje odbornice z navzočnostjo. Prav gotovo vam ne bo žal.

Ob zaključku poslovnega leta, naj veljajo besede tople zahvale vsem odbornicam in članicam, ki ste pomagale pri graditvi svojih podružnic tekom leta. Bog plačaj mnogotero vsaki posebej za dobro delo izvršeno v dobrobit človeške družbe!

Kampanja za nove članice se zaključi 31. decembra. Ni še prepozno, da pripeljete svojo novo članico. Vaša pomoč bo sprejeta z največjo hvaležnostjo. Naj bi to bilo vaše božično darilo in darilo Zvezi za njen rojstni dan, ki bo 19. decembra.

V tem letu smo imele mnogo važnih dogodkov, ki so bili izpeljani z lepim in občudovanja vrednim uspehom. Konvencija, kampanja, Zvezni dnevi, razne prireditve, obletnice in koncerti, vse to je bilo mogoče dobro izpeljati, ker ste bile požrtvovalne in lojalne sotrudnice. Koncem tega leta lahko rečemo skupaj: Dobro smo naredile, čeprav so bili problemi, toda z dobro voljo in vztrajnostjo, se je tudi najhujše premestilo. Upati je, da bo bodočnost prinesla vsem vse tisto, kar želimo in potrebujemo za srečni in zadovoljni obstanek.

Želim vam vsem skupaj lepe božične praznike in mnogo blagoslovov. Če lahko komu storite nekaj prav posebno razveseljivega ob teh praznikih, storite, tudi, če ne dobite glasne zahvale, saj se dobi največje zadoščenje v glasu svoje vesti in srca.

Najlepši Božič vsem članicam in prijateljem Zveze,

Albina Novak, predsednica.



Rajske strune

Ljudska

Enoglasno: počasi

1. Rajske stru-ne, za-do-ni-te, od nebes odnevaj-
2. Čeli sladko melo-di-jo so pastir-či tisto
3. Blaga se skrivnost obha-ja, božji sin se v njej ro-

te; zboži Čanelski hi-ti-te na zemljo in pguaj-
noc; našli Še-te in Ma-ri-jo in ljube-zni božjo
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či. Sreča neiz-merna dana rodu

Bogu naj do-ni, mir lju-den-pa po ni-
lit li je-zu-sa, zr-li vde-hu neiz-
je človeške-mu: sladka ma-na se pri-

ja-vah naj no-cojinja noč, ko-si.
merno slavo si-na vecne-ga:
pravljia sr-cu, Bo-gu zveste-mu.

IZ ŽIVLJENJA ZA ŽIVLJENJE

ŽIVLJENJE

TO JE BELO, TO ČRNO; to je teško, to lahko; to je živo, to mrtvo. Enostavne izjave, za katerih resničnost nam jamčijo naše oči, naši čuti. Kaj vsakdanji pojavi, in vendar so vprašanja posebno glede življenja sila težavna. Že čez dvatisoč let se človeški um ukvarja z njimi, poskuša jih razrešiti na najrazličnejše načine, z vsemi pripomočki, ki so posebno moderni vidi na razpolago, pa se zdi, da kar nemoremo naprej od starogrških vedežev, kot so bili Demokrit, Hippo, Pythagora, Sokratov učenec Plato, posebno pa še Aristotel, ki je bil za svoje čase nekak vsevedež, saj na njegovih zaključkih sam srednjeveški veleum, Tomaž Akvinski zida veličastno stavbo skolastične filozofije.

Govorimo o bistvu elementarnih ali prvotno-izvirnih sil, ne toliko o njih delovanju, katero imamo v mnogo slučajih vsaj delno pod svojo kontrolo, kakor barvo ozira na svetlobu, ogenj, elektriko, težo, da, celo življenje.

To je belo, to črno. Svetlobni žarki so raznobarvni, kar nam dokazuje mavrica ali pa steklena prizma, ki razkraja svetlobo na posamezne pramene. Barva je toraj v svetlobnih žarkih, katere obsevani predmet ali povsem odbija, da vidimo svetlo-belo, ali jih povsem "vpija", in predmet je črn. Isto velja za druge barve. Seveda pride v poštov površina stvari same, ki ima svojstvo igrati se na tak način s svetlobo. Ali nam tako razlaganje pove, kaj je bistvo svetlobe ali barve? Zdi se, da ne, kajti čim dalje gremo tem potom, tim več vprašanjam nam sili na jezik. Umetniki pa slikajo dalje svoje umotvore, in mi občudujemo njih dela.

To je teško, to lahko. Kaj je teža? Neka skrivnostna sila, potom katere vse telesne stvari teže proti osrčju zemelje. Večeje težje stvari privlačijo naše manjše lažje predmete. Zemlja toraj vleče nase vse, kar je v območju njene gravitacije, v območju njene privlačnosti. Potom te sile gonijo reke in potoki mlinska kolesa, turbine za proizvodnjo električne energije, ki pogonja stroje, nam sveti, kuha in nas greje, če treba; itd., itd. Teža drži hišo na njenih temeljih in človeka v stoji, katero si je izbral. Cel sončni sistem, da, celo vesoljstvo obstaja, kakor je, deloma tudi na temelju zakona gravitacije. Ako bi ta prestala delovati, bi se zemlja, vse svetovje vesoljstva razletelo v prah razbitih atomov, nastala bi zopet tista famozna "masa", iz katere so se baje razvila sonca in vsa nebesna telesa. Toda na takso maso ni mogla vplivati nobena druga stvar ali sila, ker je po mnemu naših vedežev ni bilo, in masa sama ni mogla vplivati na kaj drugega, ker izven nje ni bilo obstoječe stvari. Taka masa bi morala toraj na vekomaj ostati v svojem nespremenljivem stanju, ker glavnost materije, tvarine je brezdelje, popolna letargija. Kaj ji je dalo podvig, pogon? Zapomnimo si, da neorganične tvarine nemorejo in ne delujejo same na se; to je toraj izključeno. Edino moč izven te materije je mogel in moral biti edinole Bog. Pravim, moral je biti, ker pač vidimo pred seboj posledico Njegovega posega na tisto prvotno maso, vesoljstvo, kakoršno je danes, ki naj bi se bilo razvilo iz one primordialne tvarine. Nebesa proglašajo Njegovo slavo, in Njegovo hvalo oznanja obzorje. Materialistična teorija o postanku sveta, sama po sebi našemu umu nevsprijemljiva, nam vendar kaže pot k Bogu.

Zašli smo malo od teže — gravitacije. Ko pa opisujemo delovanje teže, ali nam ta izvajanja povedo kaj je bistvo gravitacije? Ne! Govore nam kako teža (po mojem bi bil "težnost" boljši izraz) v danih razmerah učinkuje, toda neno bistvo nam ostaja prikrito.

Ljudje, ki trdijo, da so dognali bistvo naravnega zakona, pa pri tem izpustili iz svojih računov Boga, ne ločijo zakona od njegovega delovanja, ali pa so se tako zaverovali delovanju v mašine, da so pri tem pozabili na strojevodjo-inžinirja, ki je mašino naredil in jo upravlja. Mašina, božje stvarstvo je namreč tako čudovito in vsestransko obvladano po nam znanih in neznanih zakonih, je v tako preciznem ravnotežju vsepovsod, na vse strani, v vseh rečeh,

pod najrazličnejšimi pogoji, da smo prisiljeni pričakovati polom celega stroja, ako bi le en sam zakon odpovedal službo. Ti zakoni delujejo neodvisno eden od drugega, včasi si celo nasprotujejo, kakor, n.pr., privlačnost in centrifugalna sila, pa imajo vendar obči, predvidevanji, izračunani, skupni namen. Vse to zahteva vladajočo silo, ki načančno ve kaj hoče, in, kar hoče, izvrši. Taka oblast more biti le tisti, ki ga imenujemo Bog.

Kaj je življenje? Po zaključkih drugih bi podal sledečo definicijo: Življenje je sila ali moč prirojena stvarem, potom katere so zmožne dejanj v svoji notranjosti. Imamo namreč trojno življenje: rastlinsko živalsko, razumno ali človeško. Rastlina je rasnično živa, toda se ne premika v prostoru izven sebe, njen gibanje je v njeni notranjosti: siše svojo hrano iz sokov zemlje, prebavi, raste. Žival se premika iz kraja v kraj, iskajoč hrane, katero potem prebavlja, raste, kakor rastlina, se stara, umira. Ista notranja dejanja vrši človek. Vsled tega moramo reči, da se po notranja dejanja lastna vsem živim stvarem, in toraj, da se po notranjih dejanjih ločijo od ne-živih reči.

V svrhu gibanja posedujejo živa bitja posebne organe ali sredstva: rastline — žive stanice ali celice, po katerih se pretaka sok; živali — želodec, srce, žile, itd., živčevje. Vsled tega imenujemo živa bitja tudi organična bitja nasproti nrtvym predmetom, ki nimajo organov, ter jim zato pravimo ne-organične stvari.

Čutila, živali, skupaj s človekom, imajo pet čutov. V slučaju rastlin so opazovali na njih vsaj neki okrnjen pojav tipa. Neki vzhodno indijski izvedenec je to dognal potom miskroskopičnega opazovanja: bilka se je zdrznila pri dotiku; znane so rastline, ki vjamejo in "prebavijo" žuželke, ki so nasledje v kupo eveta. Sicer pa pri rastlinah ni govor o čutilih. Živali so povsem pod vplivom svojih čutov; vsa njihova dejanja in nehanja se vrše pod nagibom čutil, tako da bi mogli reči: kar je pri človeku razum, to so pri živalih vid, sluh, vonj, tip, okus. V ta namen imajo posebne organe, ki delujejo brez hotenja, kakor notranja dejanja; čut deluje na živčni sistem potom možganov — in žival je v pogibu, ki odgovarja četu. Tudi človeku so lastna čutila, na katere deloma mehanično odgovarja, potom katerih si pridobiva znanje, hrano za njegov razum (*fides per auditum — vere se učimo po nauku*). Informacije, ki jih je prejel potom čutov, potem prebavljajo v svij mislih, pretehtava, presoja, proučuje in zaključuje. Po teh zaključkih se človek potem ravna. Pri človeku je toraj razum, ki je daje pogib njegovim dejanjam, ne čut, kakor pri živali (izven primoranih dejanj). Moj pes in jaz leževa v travu. Kar vdari strela iz jasnega neba blizu naju.

Oba poskočiva, zaječiva od strahu, pes naježi dlako, tihc cvili, privija se mi k nogam. Moji živci sicer mogoče še malo trepetajo, toda v hipu se zavem. Razum deluje, kjer je bil za hip zavladal le čut. Pes je legal spat, ko sva prišla domov; vzel je precej časa, da so se mu pomirili živci da je izginil udar strele iz njegovih ušes. Pes je celo episo opravil s čutom, jaz z razumom — in čutom.

Človeška duša ali duša razuma, razumnna duša obživilja človeško telo. Življenje človeka je toraj v njegovi duši; v telesu le, dokler ga obživilja duša. Človeška duša je popolno bitje, zmožno neodvisnega življenga. Nepopolna je v pogledu na človeka, ker je del človeka, ki je sestoji iz duše in telesa. Duša ni človek, telo ni človek. Človek je oboje skupaj, duša združena s telesom, kar toraj predstavlja enotno bitje — človeka.

Duša je duhovno bitje, ker je sposobna duhovnih del, kakor so: spoznavanje same sebe, razmotrizvanje svojih lastnosti, dognanja stvari, ki so povsem izven območja telesnih čutov (Einstein je vstanovil dejstvo svetlobe v vpongjenih črtah prej ko so to resnico drugi dognali z vidom); pesnik opeva Boga v Njegovi slavi, večnost in sedanjost, Njegovo neskončno ljubezen, usmiljenje, pravico, vsemogčnost; duša je sposobna nadnaravne vere, upanja, lju-



USTANOVITELJICE PODRUŽNICE ŠT. 33, DULUTH, MINNESOTA

Podružnica št. 33, Duluth, Minnesota je bila ustanovljena 8. oktobra, 1929. Za ustanovitev se je bila zavzela Mrs. Helen Krall, ki je bila prva predsednica in tudi sedanja predsednica. Od 17 članic, ki so bile navzoče na ustanovni seji, so med živimi še sledeče, katere vidimo na tej sliki: Sedijo: Anna Vesel, predsednica Helen Krall, Mary Spehar, st., Agnes Jerina. Druga vrsta stojijo: Mary Rot, Mary Blatnik, Ann Podgorsek, Johanna Skull, Mary Jaksha in tajnica Mary Shubitz. Živele naše pionirke! Bog daj, da bi dočakale še mnogo veselih obletnic!

zares pridne. Ko sem jih poklicala so vse bile takoj pri volji sodelovati. Najbolj požrtvovalna je pa Mrs. Podgoršek, ki ne more biti prav nič pri miru in je delala brez oddiha, da se je še prehodila in bila zelo bolna. Bog daj, da se bo kmalu pozdravila.

Vse članice naše podružnice se prav lepo zahvaljujejo vsem odbornicam in članicam, kot tudi prijateljem, ki so nas obiskali na Minnesota državni dan v nedeljo 28. avgusta. Hvala lepa vsem, ki so se potrudile biti med nami v tako lepem številu. Najlepša hvala našim pridnim kuharicam in vsem, ki so stregle in zvesto pomagale ter šle na roko v vseh ozirih. Bog povrni za vse, kar so dobrega storili. Lepa hvala č. gg. Chisholm in Papež za vrlo sodelovanje. Posebno pa hvala naši Albini Novak, ki smo jo z takim veseljem sprejeli. Ona nas je vse zelo razveselila z obiskom in se iz srca lepo zahvaljujemo in tudi Mrs. Lenich, naši glavni nadzornici iz Eveleth, ki se je vneto potrudila, da smo imele tukaj Zvezin dan. Ona je toliko časa pisarila, da nas je pripravila do tega lepega nikoli pozabljenega dneva. Hvala lepa

vsem gostom in tudi Miss Zeleznič iz Clevelandu, ki je bila sprevjevala Mrs. Novak za obisk. Zelo smo bile veselo preseneče nad sijajnim odzivom od strani minnesotskih podružnic. Druga ne morem za ta čas obljubiti, kakor naše sodelovanje prihodnje leto, ko bodo imele Zvezin dan na Chisholm, Minnesota. Takrat bom pa me povrnile, kar ste nam ve dobrega storile.

Zdaj bom pa končala, čeprav bi najrajši kar naprej pisala, ampak naj zadostuje, saj razumete, da smo bile zelo zadovoljne s tako lepim uspehom. Ko to pišem zunaj sneg pada in bliža se nam že mrzla zima.

Z najlepšimi pozdravi in voščilo za vesel božič.

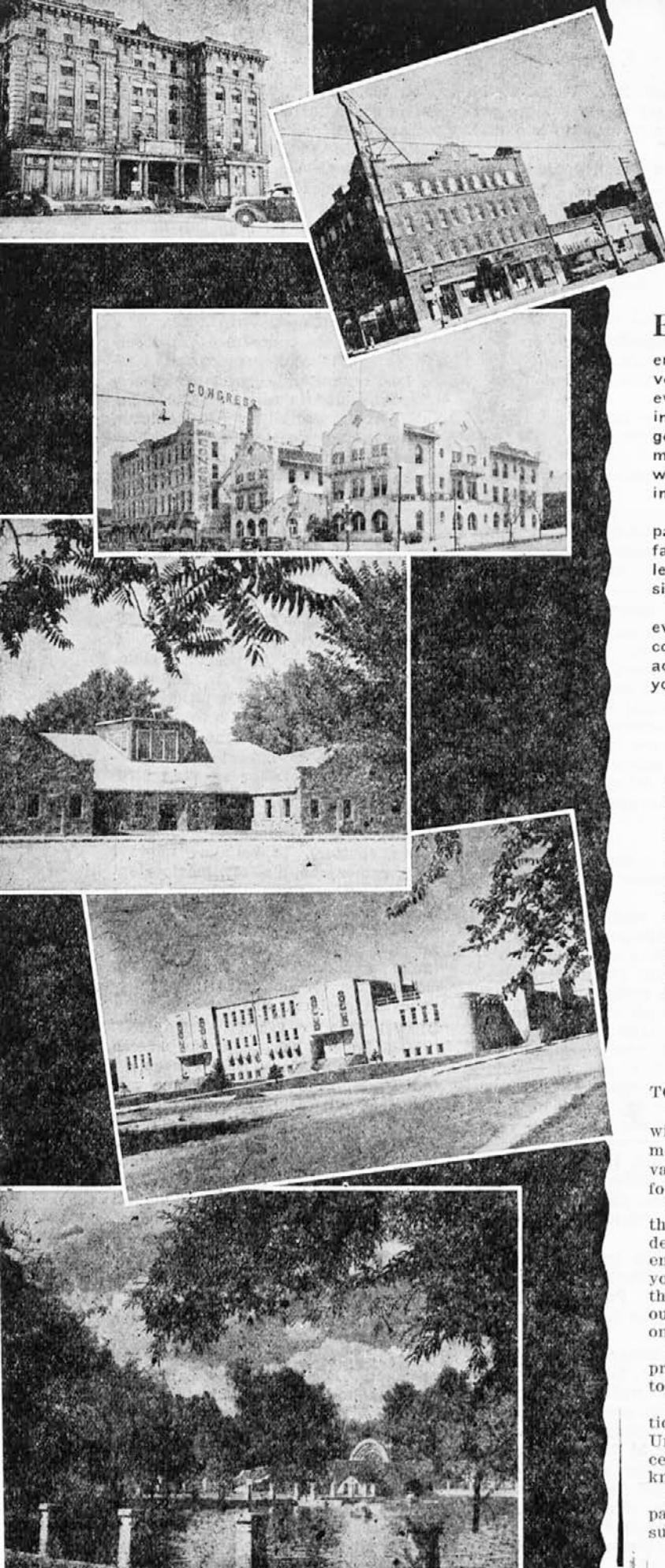
Helen Krall, predsednica

Št. 38, Chisholm, Minn. — Naša podružnica prav lepo napreduje. Vljudno ste vabljene vse članice na našo prihodnjo sejo, ki bo glavna seja. Imele bomo več važnih stvari za razmotriti in voll se bo tudi odbor. Prosim vas, da bi pripeljale nekaj novih članic! Posebna prošnja gre pa mateoram, da bi vpisale svoje hčerke, ker

kampanja za mladinski oddelek bo zaključena koncem tega meseца. Sestra Frances Andolšek je pridobila tri nove članice za kar ji gre najlepša zahvala in priznanje. Naj bi vsaka pridobila vsaj eno novo članico in to bi bil presenetljiv napredok za našo podružnico.

Bolne se nahajajo sestre Mary Gande, Mary Plut in Marjeta Kordiš. Sestra Mary Pakiš se nahaja že nad tri leta v Duluth Nopeming zavodu. Bila je tako slaba, toda stanje se ji je obrnilo na boljše, kar nas prav veseli. Vsem bolnim želimo ljubega zdravja.

Leto 1949 gre z naglico v zaton. Kmalu bomo stopile v novo leto 1950. Vsem članicam želim vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto. Naj rojstvo Jezusovo prinese mir in božji blagoslov. Obenem se lepo zahvaljujem vsem našim dobrim članicam, ki so zvesto sodelovanje na vse načine tokom tega leta. Imele smo več lepih dogodkov tokom tega leta. Za prihodnje leto nas čaka zopet zanimiv program, ker bo v našem mestu Zvezin državni dan in to pomeni, da bomo imeli obisk iz glavnega urada in od



TOP TO BOTTOM:
Vail Hotel, Pueblo, Colo.
Whitman Hotel
Congress Hotel
Unit of Zoo, City Park
Administration Building
Colorado State Fair
Lagoon, Mineral Palace Park

(Courtesy of Mr. John Germ)

THANKS AGAIN! PUEBLO, COLORADO

BEFORE saying "adieu!" to 1949, I'd like to pay tribute to our convention city, Pueblo, Colorado, where we were entertained so wonderfully during our eighth national convention. I know that I am expressing the thoughts of every officer and delegate, in saying that you succeeded in every plan you made for our enjoyment and that your genial courtesy and hospitality will long linger in our minds and hearts. With our appreciation comes a strong wish that God will bless you many fold and in many ways in the future!

The expiration of this month brings our Juvenile campaign to a close. We are far from our goal but not too far to reach, if all who read this message will enroll at least one juvenile member. I hope you will heed this sincere appeal of mine.

The year 1949 carried many problems and I shall forever be proud of your loyal support and cooperation in coping with every situation. Please accept my humble acknowledgment for all your service and may you and yours have a blessed Christmas, everywhere!

With loving and grateful Christmas greetings

Albina Novak, President-Editor

CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight:
Christmas in lands of the fir tree and pine,
Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine,
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas where cornfields stand sunny and bright,
Christmas where children are hopeful and gay,
Christmas where old men are patient and gray,
Christmas where peace, like a dove in his flight,
Broods o'er brave men in the thick of the fight;
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!
For the Christ-child who comes is the Master of all;
No palace too great, no cottage too small.

FROM THE SUPREME HEADQUARTERS

TO WORK

The close of the post-convention campaign coincides with the culmination of another year. In respect to the membership drive, little has been accomplished. A great variety of beautiful awards is hoped will be an incentive for the members.

We expect cooperation from our supreme members of the board, from the officers of the local branches and our delegates, who have approved this campaign with such enthusiasm at our May convention. We are counting on you to keep that convention promise of working hard in the future for the organization. We are also counting on our loyal workers of the past campaigns to help make this one a success.

In your community among your friends you will be surprised to discover many non-members, who are awaiting to be enrolled.

The month of December is the birthday of our organization. As a token of appreciation and congratulations to our Union attempt to secure a few new members before December 31. This hard work on your part would then be known as a Bouquet of Members!

To all our good and active workers in this current campaign my most sincere wishes for your success and the success of every individual branch.

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC



On the Way to the High Hills

PUEBLO HAS ALL THE GOOD THINGS OF COLORADO

Summed up, Pueblo has everything one could want. Mother nature air-conditioned Pueblo and because of the low humidity, summers feel as much as 25 degrees cooler and winters up to 20 degrees warmer. There's lots to see, too. Within the city are Mineral Palace and City Parks with excellent picnic and complete recreational facilities. Just 25 miles away is Pueblo Mountain Park, located in the truly rustic natural beauty of the Beulah valley. It is the kind of a spot for either rest or play and beyond is San Isabel Forest, a million and a quarter acres of scenic splendor. At San Isabel the visitor will find fishing, boating, camping, against a back-drop of the West's grandest scenery.

For a vacation next summer you will not do wrong if you choose to visit Colorado, that is the assurance from every officer and delegate of the last convention which was held in Pueblo.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

A cheery Merry Christmas is my sincere greeting to all Supreme Officers and members of our S.W.U.

What a grand old world this would be if the spirit of Christmas lasted throughout the year! At Yuletide season everyone's heart overflows with love, and it is our desire to share, or give to the less fortunate. Therefore let us carry on the grand tradition which has come down through the ages, which has done much for civilization. Also let us enter into its true spirits and carry them into the NEW YEAR, all the best they inspire.

In taking a summary of this year let us examine the highlights or shall we say the progress of the organization. **First** we had two campaigns for new membership, the first being very successful by bringing a Queen to the Convention. The second campaign is still in progress and let us hope it will be successful. **Second** we added another chapter of interesting history to our organization and that is the Eighth National Convention which was held in Pueblo, Colorado. **Third** the great response and generosity of our members and friends who helped us reach the quota in the Scholarship Fund. The students who have qualified for the award are Marie Bombach, Donald Carek and F. Pahula. I hereby wish them success in their studies so they may reach the goal of their ambition.

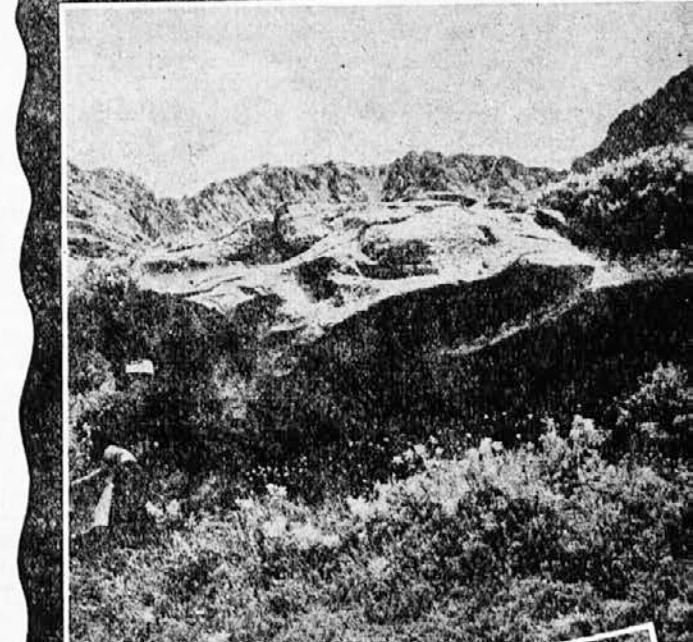
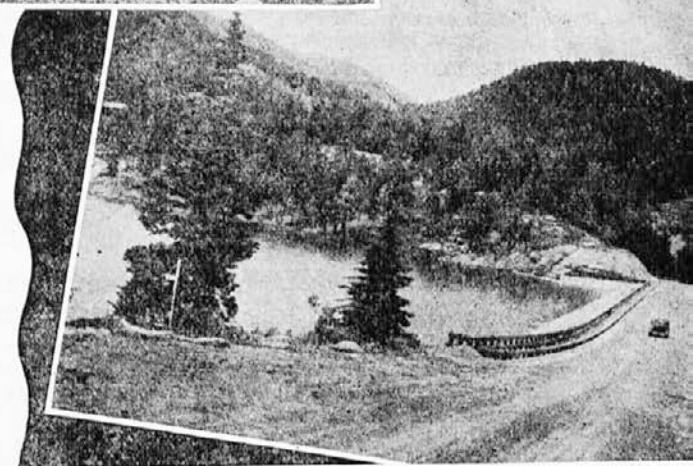
December is the last month of our campaign and also closes the year 1949. Let us promise or at least try to do one good deed by enrolling one new member. It is unbelievable but true that we still have branches without junior members. One wonders: Why? and how come? Since we enroll girls from birth on, surely you have some relative or a friend who had a baby girl. The dues are trivial, only ten cents per month and they are insured for \$100.00, and when they become 18, they transfer to the adult group.

When transferring to the adult class every junior is compensated with a dividend for the number of years they have been members. At the last convention it was decided that junior members transferring to adult group after they have been members for ten full years would receive a \$50.00 additional insurance. This is a real investment for the 10 cent a month dues.

Because our organization is one of which we all should be proud, help it to grow and prosper by enrolling new members, thereby making it one of the finest organizations in this country of ours.

I'm closing with loads of good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

JOSEPHINE MUSTER, Supreme Secretary



JUVENILE CAMPAIGN

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For 10 new members — FIVE DOLLARS IN CASH.

For 15 new members, a BEAUTIFUL NECKLACE with a ZVEZA EMBLEM PENDANT or \$7.50 IN CASH.

For 20 new members — TEN DOLLARS IN CASH.

For securing 25 new members — the award is \$15.00 IN CASH or a TRAVELING BAG.

For 30 new members we are giving a wonderful gift to the one who likes the sport of bowling. It's a Bowling BALL to fit your grip WITH A BAG.

If you secure 50 new members, you will receive \$30.00 IN CASH and A SOUVENIR TROPHY.

The branches will also receive cash awards. The first prize is TEN DOLLARS IN CASH; second prize is \$7.50 IN CASH and the third prize is FIVE DOLLARS IN CASH.

The winner of this campaign will get a beautiful remembrance from the Supreme President and her picture will appear on the cover page and also a history of her life.

ATTEND YOUR DECEMBER MEETING!

One of the most important months for your branch is December. During this month your meetings include a discussion of future plans, as well as a recollection of deeds and events of the passing year.

It is a duty of every member to attend at least this one meeting of the year in order to contribute her ideas or advice. Past officers with their experiences can also be very helpful. The progress of the branch depends on every member, whose attendance and participation will be warmly received.

In the month of December elections of officers are held. Some of our hard-working and diligent officers predict months in advance that they are not seeking reelection. Their reasons include disappointment at the meeting's very poor attendance during the year, lack of cooperation and family duties. Local secretaries especially are the first to resign, as they tire of the task of collecting the dues of the members. They make countless phone calls and write numberless cards for requests of payment, as well as visit the members' homes in anticipation of receiving the small monthly dues for which members are so often in arrears.

In the meantime your secretary sends your dues to the headquarters in the good faith that you will soon reimburse her. And then how often a member in arrears tells the secretary that she thought she had been cancelled, because of her non-payment. In case of death would not the beneficiary object to the mis-trust of the secretary and claim that the deceased never intended to drop?

In order to avoid these situations I urge every member to help our secretaries in their tedious work and to co-operate wherever possible. Thus she will be able to perform the duties of her employment at home and that of the secretary equally well. The latter task will certainly then be one of true enjoyment.

I thank every president for her leadership, every secretary for her untiring efforts in retaining the membership and every individual officer, who during the year has strived towards the success of her branch. Best wishes for your health, good will and God's blessings.

JOSEPHINE ERJAVEC, Supreme Secretary

ACTIVITIES OF OUR BRANCHES

No. 6, Barberton, Ohio — A friendly reminder to all our members to contact the secretary and pay up your dues in case you are in arrears and make it easier for the secretary. She worries all year through about dues that are not paid, so if you haven't been paying promptly, please make up for it before the close of this year.

Our bowling team came out in new dresses of forest green. The plaques are brown with gold lettering. Since we have our uniforms, the team jumped from the seventh to fourth place. (I wonder if it could be the dresses?)

Mr. and Mrs. Jose Lukezic were visited by the stork. Congratulations and may the little bundle from heaven always be a joy to you!

In behalf of the officers and myself, I extend each and everyone the best wishes for a merry Christmas!

Evelyn Krizay, president

Attention Barberton bowlers!

Our Cleveland girls are very anxious to have a match game with you. Let us know when and where and we'll be there. Then you pay us a return

visit and that should liven up our bowling spirit. Branch no. 15 has six teams bowling every week. I'm sure they too, would like a match game with you. So let's go!

No. 13, San Francisco, Calif. — Our Whist party is now but a pleasant memory. The success surpassed our wildest imagination. Both halls were filled to capacity. The members donated beautiful gifts. Sincere thanks and appreciation must be given to the committee for their untiring efforts. The success of the Whist party depended on this fine group. They should feel truly satisfied that the job was well done. Bara Kramer attended the Whist party despite a painful accident to her leg. She really hobbled about. Her effort was not in vain, for she won a 16 pound turkey plus a bottle of good whiskey. Nice going, Bara. Save me a drumstick!

Our President, Rose Skoff was the proverbial "chicken with its head cut off!" She was here, there and everywhere giving her expert advice and help. If the success we enjoyed is a reflection on our officers and mem-

bers, it's no small wonder all went on so well. Each one was all out for the benefit of the branch, that one thought uppermost in mind.

We wish to thank each and everyone of the business people, members and friends who so generously donated lovely gifts for our Whist party. Thanks, again!

Holiday greetings to all our members all over the USA are extended from branch no. 13. May God bless all with a feeling of good fellowship and friendliness!

Frances E. Chiodo, reporter

No. 16, So. Chicago, Ill. — By the time this issue of the Zarja is released, we shall all be busily preparing for another Holiday Season — doesn't seem possible, but here we are almost at the close of 1949.

On Sunday, October 31st, we had an "old fashioned card and bunco party" at St. George's Church Hall. We want to thank the members who responded so generously to our appeal for prizes. Also, our thanks to those members who helped in any way to make this party the success that it was. Again,

a sincere "thank you" for the wonderful cooperation shown by all of you.

We were so sorry to hear that Mrs. Agnes (Zupancic) Cherne met with an accident on her way to the Party. While crossing Avenue L at 98th Street, Mrs. Cherne was struck by an automobile and suffered a fractured skull and fractured left leg. It is our wish that she will completely recover from her injuries and again be with us at our meetings.

We extend deepest sympathy to the Klepich family in the loss of their mother, Rose Klepich. May she rest in peace.

Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Gladys K. Buck, secretary

No. 16, So. Chicago, Ill. — Our meeting last month was well attended. Many of our members brought prizes for our bunco and card party. Beautiful handmade articles were donated by our members and cadets and more were promised and delivered on the evening of the affair. After the meeting we enjoyed playing our regular sunshine bingo and served coffee and cake. Many of our members look forward to our monthly meeting because that's the time they meet their friends and also enjoy themselves by making new acquaintances. So why don't you plan to attend our annual meeting? The date is Thursday, December 8. You'll also have the opportunity of voting for new officers, pay your assessment and make your returns for the tickets.

We had a wonderful time at our bunco party. Refreshments were: hot dogs, cake, potica and coffee. All who came went home with a prize. We were shocked to hear that our member, Mrs. Agnes (Zupancic) Cherne was hit by a car on her way to the party. She is one of our charter members and was our first president; later she was our treasurer for many years. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our sympathy is extended to the Klobuchar family. The wife, mother and sisters are all our members.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Klink of Gilbert, Minnesota on the arrival of a fine baby boy. Mrs. Klink was one of our delegates whom I had the pleasure of meeting at the convention in Colorado.

The cadets were honorary guards for St. Mary's Lodge no. 80 KSKJ at Communion, at the banquet, and at the presentation of orchids to the three charter members on Sunday, November 6, 1949 on their 45th anniversary celebration. The honored charter members were: Mrs. Buchar, grandmother of captain Victoria Stone, Frances Buchar, cadet Joan Konar's grandmother, Theresa Podlapek — cadet Joan Martin's grandmother and Mrs. Mary Rendosh. The cadets had a wonderful time and are grateful for the invitation.

The cadets meet every Tuesday evening at 6:30 at St. George's Church Hall. They are planning on having

a Christmas play at the same place. The committee in charge will do a fine job we're sure. They are Captain V. Stone, rec. sec'y; Joan Martin, president; B. Gornick, secretary; P. Zlodi, treasurer and A. Paolichchi.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Zora Yurkus

No. 16, So. Chicago, Ill. — Cadets reporting. November 6 was a big day for our Cadets. They were invited in September to act as Honor Guards for St. Mary's Lodge No. 80, KSKJ, who celebrated their 45th anniversary on that November Sunday. The girls marched into Church before the eight o'clock Mass, each with a huge white "mum" tied to her staff with a White ribbon, and formed a beautiful archway under which the members passed as they walked to their benches. Approximately 72 members received Holy Communion, and all of our Cadets received with them. I'm sure the great number of women and the perfection of the Cadets made an impressive sight at Mass. The girls were thanked for their graciousness by being invited to the banquet which the lodge held that same afternoon at four P.M. A wonderful turkey dinner was enjoyed by all and was too great a return for such a small service. May God grant St. Mary's a long and prosperous existence.

Some of the girls are still talking over the wonderful time they had at our Halloween Masquerade, but most of them are busy making plans for a Christmas play. The tentative date has been set for Sunday, December 18.

Along with rehearsals for the play, the girls have all been coming to drill practice very faithfully on Tuesday evenings. Our instructor, Mrs. Crilly, is well known in South Chicago for her wonderful work with drill teams. The Cadets have shown very much improvement, have learned a great deal, and I'm sure they will be more than ready for our first exhibition in the spring.

On behalf of the Cadets and myself I'd like to wish everyone of you, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vicky Stone, Cadet Captain

No. 17, West Allis, Wis — We will hold our annual meeting on the third Sunday, December 18, at St. Mary's Church Hall at 2 P.M. promptly. Our secretary will begin collecting dues at 1:15 P.M. on that day. It's the duty of every member to be present at this important meeting as there will be election of officers and other important issues will be discussed. Members who are absent will be fined 25 cents. All members who are in arrears with dues, please square up with our secretary. If you do not intend to come to meetings, it is advisable that you pay your dues in advance. It seems that for some reason or other, some of the members find other means of entertainment on the day of our meeting. Why is that? — You know

we we really have fun; the business session is generally brief and a social follows. So how about it members? We really would like to see more of you present, not only (we) the "odbor".

A speedy recovery is wished to all our sick members.

Merry Christmas to all and will be seeing you at the meeting!

Frances Piwoni, treasurer

No. 20, Joliet, Ill. — I wish to remind the members that at the meeting Sunday, December 18, 1949 election of officers will take place. We would like to have a good attendance, because plans on activities for the following year will be discussed.

Among our members the following have been blessed with new babies: a boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Scutieri (the former Bernice Krall); a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rothlisberger, formerly Lorraine Kubinski, who was a member of the 1949 bowling team that won the championship at the tournament in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mary Wisemantle is convalescing in Silver Cross Hospital, where she was taken after an automobile accident. It is reported that she will be there several weeks. Members are reminded to send a card to cheer the sick.

This past month was a sorrowful one for our branch. Within a short time we lost four members, who were called to their eternal reward.

Rose Mary Vicich, age 15 years, a member of the Junior cadets, died on Friday, October 14, after a short illness. Besides her parents, she is survived by six sisters and eight brothers.

Mary Gusich, age 55 years, died Thursday, October 13. Her death was unexpected, as she underwent a serious operation, ten days previously and was to leave the hospital for home, the day she passed away. She is survived by two sons, and five daughters. Her husband passed away 19 years ago.

Frances Michalek, age 66 years, passed away in St. Joseph's hospital Friday, October 21. She suffered a stroke the Sunday previous. Mrs. Michalek is survived by one cousin in Peoria, Illinois.

Anna Polancic, age 59 years, passed away Sunday, October 29, in St. Joseph's Hospital, after a short illness. She was a member of the branch since June 1937. Mrs. Polancic is survived by her husband Albert, two sons and two daughters.

The officers met to recite the rosary for each deceased member, and also attended the funeral.

Mr. John Gutnik Sr., husband of Mary Gutnik, passed away after a lingering illness. Besides his wife he is survived by seven sons, and three daughters.

Joseph Kolich died Friday, October 28. He is survived by four sisters, Rose and Ann Kolick, Veronica Tadey, and Catherine Matesevac, and one niece, Eleanor Meagher, who are all members of our branch. Several nephews survive also.

FRANCES MEKINDA, PRESIDENT NOBLE CADETS WEDS JERRY KILROY, EUCLID, OHIO.



Joseph Glavan, age 50 years, passed away suddenly Sunday, November 6. Besides his wife, Albina, he is survived by daughter Genevieve, two sons; mother Rose Glavan, six brothers and three sisters.

Kindly remember the deceased in your prayers. To the bereaved survivors our deepest sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Korevec, observed their silver wedding anniversary on Saturday, November 5, 1949, with a Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Joseph's church and in the evening were feted at a reception in St. Joseph's Hall, by their many friends and relatives. Mrs. Korevec is an ardent worker for branch no. 20 and had served as president of the branch several years ago.

Wishing everyone a joyous Christmas holiday and a bright and pleasant New Year.

Frances J. Gaspich, secretary

No. 20, JOLIET, III.—"Hobo-Hill", our hard-time party dance held October 15, was indeed unique in its decorations. The loyal cadets and friends, who attended, found them to be amusing. The orchestra, too, cooperated by appearing in plaid shirts and slacks. Among the committee members there was complete harmony.

Approximately one-third of the drill

team is attending night school this fall season and as a result our drills on Tuesday evenings have suffered somewhat. The situation has been remedied in a small measure by a number of greatly interested new recruits which include Esther Barnabe, Ann Ivec and former Junior Cadets Vida Mikolic, Jeanette Mutz and Elaine Troppe.

Congratulations to the organization and its foundress, Mrs. Marie Prisland on the Union's 23rd birthday the 19th of December!

Throughout the Holiday Season "may the Divine Infant give you His Peace and in His loving kindness fulfill all your wishes."

Olga Ancel

NO. 20, JOLIET BOWLING NEWS
SPLITS PICK-UP

Edna Grohar 6-7-10; Marie Nemanich 5-7; Babe Zaremba 4-6-7-10; Marge Jamnik 4-7-10; Frances Zelesnik 5-10; Isabelle Musich 2-5-9-10.

After bowling October 31, 1949, team Gorsich Food Mart won 15, lost 9.

High team game: Vranicar Insurance 803.

High team series: Vranicar Insurance 2215.

High individual game: Mitzi Morris 201.

High individual series: Ann Mahkovec 524. (Continued on p. 375 3rd Col.)

No. 49, Euclid, Ohio — This summer was truly a year of brides here in Euclid. On Saturday, the 18th of June, the President of our drill team, Frances Mekinda and Jerry Kilroy, senior student at Case Institute of Technology, plighted their troth at St. Christine's Church.

It was a beautiful day and the bride was radiant in her slipper satin gown, fashioned with a sweetheart neckline, trimmed with seed pearls. Her high tiera of orange blossoms held in place an ivory veil trimmed with lace that fell in folds and covered the long court train of her gown. She carried white orchids with stephanotis arranged in a cascade bouquet.

The secretary of our drill team, Dorothy Slokar, was Maid of Honor and she wore an aqua brocaded taffeta gown and carried yellow roses and gardenias. As bridesmaids were Miss Madeline Kilroy, the groom's sister, and Mrs. Betty Lovsin, Lieutenant of the team, who wore dainty gowns of yellow lace and marquisette and carried red roses and gardenias.

Mr. Joseph Mekinda, brother of the bride attended the groom as best man, and the ushers were Mr. Bob Mihelich and Mr. Tony Lovsin. The fellows looked cool in their white dinner jackets.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN PENCA (CADET MARY URANKAR) LEAVING ST. CHRISTINE'S CHURCH, EUCLID, OHIO



The wedding breakfast, held at the Euclid Park Club House, located on the shores of Lake Erie, made a lovely setting for the many pictures that were taken, and the cool lake breeze made the meal truly enjoyable for approximately 100 guests.

Following the breakfast the couple left for an extended trip to the Georgian Bay and a tour through the eastern states. The couple is now busy keeping house at 24601 Elinore Ave., Euclid, Ohio.

Another popular member of the drill team, Mary Urankar chose the 25th of June to become Mrs. John Penca. St. Christine's Church of Euclid, Ohio was again the church where the wedding ceremony took place.

For her wedding dress, the bride chose traditional white satin with an off-the-shoulder effect neckline, trimmed with dainty lace. She wore a finger tip veil which fell from a crown of orange blossoms and she carried white lilies.

One of the younger members of our team, Dolores Mihelich (who was once our small mascot) was the Maid of Honor, and bridesmaids were Lilian Ulle, Virginia Kutcher, Dorothy Slokar (Sec'y of the team) and Dorothy Miklancic. The girls wore lovely

marquisette embroidered white gowns and carried gorgeous bouquets of deep red roses. It was truly an exquisite sight, the sweet bride and her attendants all in white.

Paul Jerina was the best man for John Penca, and ushers were Chuck Verotsnik, Lou Lautizar, John Mihelich and Joseph Drobnick. The fellows carried out the all-white color scheme by wearing white dinner jackets also.

The couple had an enormous reception at the Slovenian Hall on Holmes Avenue, where there were about 400 guests present. They motored to Canada for their honeymoon trip and then came home to set up housekeeping on Huntmere Ave.

Frances and Mary both wish to thank the cadets who so willingly stood up as honor guards for their weddings. Girls, your presence added so much dignity and grandeur to both the weddings, and your joint participation in Communion was very impressive. It was really grand seeing so many girls assist at the wedding ceremonies.

In conclusion, Sincere Best Wishes for your continued happiness, Fran and Jerry, and Mary and Johnny.

Betty Lovsin, lieut.

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Our no. 20, Joliet bowling league is making very fine progress this season. The girls are really bowling well and bringing the averages up. They are able to pick up some very nice spares and strikes, too. Keep pitching, girls! At the alleys Ann Kovalcik went to the boy at the desk and asked for a fly swatter. He wanted to know what she'll use it for. She said: to swat some flies! So, Ann went on swatting flies while bowling. All the girls laughed and wondered where the flies came from because it was too cold for flies. . . .

Kathryn Vlasich is picking up her spares nicely. Good luck, Kathryn. Mardel Keenan had a 194 game and was she smiling! Nice going, Mardel! I knew you would get a nice game some day. Glad to have you back with us, Jo Buchar, after your short absence. Evelyn Gregory has as much pep as ever. Nothing stops Evelyn from bowling. That's the spirit, Eve. Loretta MacDonald came late for bowling. When asked how come she was late, she answered (still out of wind): "I had a flat tire!" So she had to take a bus. When we heard her story she was forgiven. Here's hoping it doesn't

BRANCH NO. 73, WARRENSVILLE HTS., OHIO



December and January meetings because it is my desire that you elect a new president. My health is not the best and I cannot do future justice to the office, and to carry only the name of president is not justified. I will continue to help to the best of my ability as long as I can, but I wish to be relieved of the obligations that go with the office of president.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all our members for the wonderful cooperation that they have extended to me at all times, be it for the benefit of the organizations or individuals. My special thanks to all who donated things for the party that we had for the refugee family of seven which came to us recently. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Starika for the use of the hall and to all who assisted.

May everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 1950!

Catherine Yekovec, president

No. 73, Warrensville, Ohio — Hold everything! — or should I say: drop everything! You better have nothing to do for awhile, 'cause I intend to make up for all the lost time. There is plenty to tell, so let's start.

As you can see by the pictures taken at our gathering, we had a fine turnout for our birthday box celebration. Mike's Tavern was the scene of all

the merriment on Tuesday, Oct. 18. All the tables were covered appropriately with Halloween decorations (later with steaks, chicken remains and empty glasses, etc.). Mr. Joe Vena put his best foot forward and furnished a wonderful spread. Most of the evening was spent just chatting and later Mr. Vena favored us with some novelties. Here are just a few of the comments of the evening: Frieda Peters: "It was fun!" Rose Finch: "Wouldn't miss it." Agnes Walters: "Let's have these good times more often and a few more birthdays!" Mary Urko: "The food was delicious!" Lou Sklenicka: "It's always fair weather when good friends get together." Emma Sklenicka: "More power to the birthday box." Louise Epley: "A sad moment — time to go home." I have only two pages full of complimentary comments but because of space I just can't list them all. Everyone was happy and had a wonderful time and that's what counts.

Among the people who admired the members and enjoyed their presence were: H. Dusek, Ann Butovac, M. Rivasuk, Ann Yane, Virginia Cherosky, Kay Juratovac, Ann Fike, Mary, Josephine and Nettie Turk and Elsie Liska. Frances Travnik and Mary Walters still haven't found words to express their feelings. Helen Truce

had something written by grandma Yane which I'm afraid I cannot interpret at this moment.

Mrs. Peter Lubanovich expressed her happiness in celebrating her 34th wedding anniversary with all her friends. Congratulations and remember there is only 16 more years till you reach that GOLDEN FIFTY. We hope you'll make it.

Congratulations also to the Yuratovac family on the birth of a son, Donald.

Silver wedd'ng bells rang out on the 29th of November for Mr. and Mrs. Vlosy who is one of the oldest members and mother of two other members. They have a fine home on Warrensville Center Rd. They are the parents of Anna Yane, Mary Urko, Andrew, Emma Smith, Kathryn Blank and Theresa. Congratulations and best wishes. May we all hear the bells when they ring out number fifty for you.

Other anniversary wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Truce, Mr. and Mrs. John Turk Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nosse.

Happy birthday notes are sent to Frances Travnik and Mary Yuratovac. (That means money in our new birthday box.)

Here is wish'ng all of you a beautiful and blessed Christmas. May the Infant in all His glory, bring happiness and health into the lives of all. So Merry Christmas!

Evelyn Majercik

Juniors' Page

My best wishes for a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

Albina Novak, President

Dear Juniors:

As the year is drawing to a close, I'd like to leave a few thoughts with the Ohio branches who are not active where junior circles are concerned. What we need first of all, is a lot of new members. I think that would make the junior meetings much more interesting. Tell your mothers about this suggestion; maybe they would get in touch with the branch officers for you and make out a program. There are many very amusing plans that could be worked out. Besides sports activities, you could also have a sewing circle or possibly an art class, even a singing group could easily be organized and a cooking class would really be a lot of fun for any girl. There are ever so many things you could do but you must first of all have an active leader and get all your girl friends to join. Oh, it would be marvelous if you were lucky enough to have all your girl friends enrolled in your circle. Tell them that they pay only ten cents per month and every girl could almost save that much from her allowance. If she has no regular allowance, I'm sure that every mother would gladly give her little girl ten cents per month if she knew that it was to be used for dues in a big organization such as SWU. Did you know that for the ten cents a month, you are insured for a hundred dollars? Isnt that something to be proud of! I think it's much better than saving your money for anything else. And look at the good times you could plan together! Think it over! I'm sure that you want to get three of your friends to join; that means you'll get a beautiful prize, too!

Officers, members and friends of Ohio branches, let's get together for the coming year and see how many new circles we can start! We need new interests in order to keep our youth with us. Let's give the youth program our full support and strive for a much bigger SWU!

To everyone, everywhere who reads this page I wish a Merry Christmas!

With loving regards. — Evelyn Krizay

A CHRISTMAS WREATH OF GREETINGS

With the very best of wishes
With the truest, warmest too,
With the glorious songs of Angels,
With the brightest rays of the Heavenly
Star.
With all the lovely things that in Christ-
mas are,
I will weave a wreath for you.
Not just a wreath, a lifeless wreath,
That lives not with the passing days,
Nor speaks of feelings true;
But rather a wreath that breathes with
life,
For woven within will be my heart.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

By: Marie Bombach,
No. 105, Detroit, Michigan

BRAIN TEASER

Answer quickly, without pencil and paper, what is the difference between twice seven and 50 and twice 57?

GAMES FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

CHRISTMAS WORD SCRABBLE

Scramble the letters of words pertaining to Christmas, such as Santa Claus, candles, angels, stockings, reindeer, etc. Write the scrambles on as many pieces of paper as you have guests. The first person to correctly unscramble the words wins the prize.

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The campaign will close December 31, 1949.

Don't delay! Work for your prize at once! The dues are only ten cents per month.

A TALE OF CHRISTMAS EVE

It was long past midnight, and the Stocking was angry.

"To be taken out of a nice comfortable drawer on a winter night," it said querulously, "and to be strung up to a bedpost like a common thing, upon my word, it is too bad!"

A little girl lay fast asleep in bed. The curtains were drawn across the window. In a saucer on the bureau burned a night-light. The clothes of the little sleeper lay neatly folded on a chair beside the wall; the stockings which she had worn during the day hung dreaming over the back of the chair, and underneath were her little buckled shoes, both of them snoring.

"I miss my mate," said the Stocking, glancing at the folded pair of sleeping stockings over the back of the chair. "It's downright monstrous to take one stocking from a drawer and leave its mate behind! If I worked for a one-legged child or a mermaid it would be a different matter. Oh, my poor heel and toe, how cold they are!"

Just as it finished speaking there was a noise in the chimney, and looking in the direction of the fireplace, the Stocking was amazed to see a very old, white bearded gentleman in a red cloak, with a hood on his head, descending to the hearth. The night-light burned suddenly brighter; the room became warm and cheerful. The Stocking, which was too wonder-struck to speak, thought that it had never seen such a quaint old man in all its life.

"If this is a burglar," it thought, "may I have a potato in my heel for the rest of my life!"

The old gentleman, who was no other person than Father Christmas, advanced to the bed and let a big bag which he carried on his back slide to the floor.

"Ha," he said, in a very cheerful voice,

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"how she has grown, to be sure! Why, when I was here twelve months ago I could have put her into one of my waistcoat pockets." He looked about the room. "Nice and tidy," he said approvingly. "Clothes neatly folded; frock hung up; books nicely put away; no broken toys about; the doll I gave her last year safely tucked in its cradle, the Teddy Bear hasn't lost an eye, and gray rabbit is still full of sawdust. Come, Marsie, you're growing quite a good little girl." He walked to the foot of the bed. "Ha," he said, laughing. "this is the only night in the year when the foot of the bed has a stocking! He put his hand on the Stocking, and said: "Well, my grumbling friend, how do you find yourself tonight?"

"Rather lonely," answered the Stocking. "I miss my mate terribly; and it's cold. They took me out of my nice warm drawer and hung me up here alone in the dark without a glimpse of the fire."

"Oh, I'll warm you quick enough!" said Father Christmas, and diving into his sack and pulling out all manner of toys and boxes of sweets, he began to cram the Stocking with Christmas presents.

"Hold hard!" cried the Stocking. "You'll split me if you aren't careful! What next, I wonder! I'm a stocking. What do you take me for — a Danish bazaar, the toy department of a big store, or what?"

Father Christmas laughed. "You're new to this game, then?" he asked.

"I was only born this winter," said the Stocking. "I grew on a very nice sheep in Ohio until the beginning of spring. Then I was cut off, sent to a mill, and woven into the handsome stocking that you see I am now. I've been worn only four times, and I've scarcely shrunk an eighth of an inch in the wash. I thought I was in for a very easy life. My young lady doesn't wear me hard, and Neto, her auntie, is a good darning. I go for walks in the garden, rides with the pony, and drives in the motor car. If it's very cold they wrap me in leggings, and put a nice fur rug over them. Hi! What are you up to now? I can't bear any more! You're stretching me out of shape! You'll burst me!"

In the morning, very early, Marsie woke up and emptied the Stocking of all its toys and sweets, and let it fall on the floor. Aunt Neto came later, kissed the little maid, and picked up the Stocking.

"Your work is done," said she, and placed the Stocking back in the drawer.

"Well," said its mate, "and where have you been all night? Staying out by yourself till the morning like this! You ought to be ashamed of yourself, you know you ought!"

"My dear," said the Stocking, "I've never worked so hard before or been so happy. But permit me to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year," and snuggling down in his drawer, he went to sleep.



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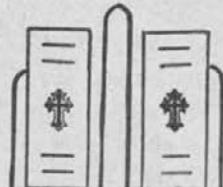
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