

Gowanda Boosters

Gowanda, N. Y.—Gowanda Boosters Lodge held its annual meeting on December 10, electing its officers for the coming year: Pres.—Lourance Andolsek; vice pres.—Anthony Rizzo; sec'y.—John Matekovich; treas.—Amalia Kaluza; record. sec'y.—Amalia Andolsek; sergeant-at-arms—Joe Stich; chairman of Auditing committee—Mary Zakayetz; chairman of Sick committee—Mary Klancer. Doctor Robert J. Tuttle, lodge physician. These officers will try to fulfill and perform their duties to the best of their ability.

After the meeting, br. Anthony Rizzo was ready to serve us with "fish fry" and music. Not only that, he was also ready to surprise us with eight new applicants. Keep your good work up, Bro. Rizzo. It certainly did awaken you up, after you saw that great Tenth Anniversary of the Chicago Pioneers.

Very little has been said about the Christmas Party and Gowanda SNPJ Juvenile program, which is being sponsored by Lodges 325 and 728 on Dec. 21. A fitting program is being rounded up including a play, "No Game of Chance." Other numbers will include vocal and instrumental music recitations, etc. Lodges will give prizes to all children (members) through the SNPJ "Santa Claus." After the program, dancing will follow. Parents wishing to give their little ones Christmas presents, may bring them to the hall early in the evening and they'll get them. There will be no admission, so we expect a large attendance from members and friends. Such gathering affords the young folks an opportunity to get together and learn who their comrades of lodges are.

Bro. Molek's idea for juvenile school is very fine and should be adopted by every lodge. Our opponents are teaching their children how to attack us when they grow up, and I do believe that we should do the same. We should teach our young brothers and sisters (some 15,000 of them) how our lodges and Society should be managed; teach them that principles of our Society were built on social democracy and not on capitalist democracy as some of our young members would like to make us believe. Such members are wrong, no matter who they are, be it in Cleveland, Ambridge, Chicago or any

other place. These members should leave the principles as they are and not try to destroy them for their own political selfishness. They should also know that we have only a little over 4,000 members in E. S. lodges and over 25,000 in senior lodges, and that majority will speak when the time comes. Better start to build up your lodges. Build up the E. S. membership and leave our Declaration of Principles alone. Being a delegate to the first E. S. conference, I haven't written anything about it and I don't have any intention to write much about it, but I will remember those members that "were able to chase most of the delegates under the chairs," as one of our would-be prominent members put it in the Pros-Vieta. One writer has also mentioned that eastern lodges through their delegates came to the conference "just trying to overthrow our principles." May I also say that the delegate representing our lodge was not one of them, and he will never be a "yes-man" to such members. Please leave us out of your trouble, boys! And when you go to the next conference, I would advise some of the members to practice what they preach, that is, to leave your politics at home. We as believers in our Declaration of Principles, at least most of our members, are not "half-backed" socialists, nor half-backed democrats or republicans. They won't be candidates on half-backed platforms, either, like some of our young boys were. I will join the delegates that know better than to be on such side, and will congratulate Bros. Oscar Godina and Donald Lotrich on their fine work that they did defending our Declaration of Principles.

During the month of December, 10 of our members celebrate their birthdays: Mary Klucik, Martha Kroll, Eva Klancer, Joe Povhi Sr., Bozidar Nikolic, Amalia Kaluza, John Nemec Sr., John Pazdior, Henry Korber and Olga Skrabec. Many happy returns.

John Matekovich,
Lodge 728.

Western Penna. SNPJ E. S. Federation Items

Pittsburgh, Pa.—A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you, your families and friends is the hearty desire of the Federation.

The Bowling Tournament and Dance

The Third Annual Bowling tournament and dance will be held on New Year's day at Canonsburg, Pa. (the home of the Pioneers of Washington county). Plans are being made to make this one of the biggest affairs ever held by the federation. The Trombetta Brothers orchestra, one of the most popular bands here in the east and in Pennsylvania at the present time, have been engaged to play for the dance. Brother August H. Riska, chairman of the committee in charge and his loyal members extend to all SNPJers and that means everyone to attend this affair. We should all resolve and start the New Year off right by attending and showing interest in all Federation activities.

The Athletic board will be in charge of the Bowling tournament. Brother Nick Pavlik reports that entry blanks have been mailed to all member lodges of the federation. The third annual tournament will be held January 1, 1936, in Canonsburg, Pa. Due to the large number of entries being received larger quarters had to be rented. Bowling alleys at the Brunswick Athletic Club, and the Alhambra alleys have been rented for the occasion. The Bowling clubs are located on Pike street, easily reached from all highways. Rules and Regulations and also Bowling prizes are about the same as last year. They

will be submitted by Brother Nick Pavlik for publication in a later issue of the Pros-Vieta.

A specially prepared Luncheon will be served immediately after the tournament. The girls from the Pioneers of Washington county lodge will be in charge of the service.

We want every loyal SNPJer to attend. Let's make it unanimous. Don't forget the date, January 1, 1936, at Canonsburg, Pa.

The Annual Conference of the Federation will be held at the Slovene Hall, Library, Pa., on Sunday, January 19, 1936, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the conference.

F. J. Kress, President.

Morning Stars

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The last meeting of the Morning Star Lodge, for the year 1935, was held on Sunday, December 8. The meeting turned out to be a great success, about 95% of the members were present. Keep it up, brothers and sisters, and attend all the meetings of the coming year, show that you are interested in the work of this great organization.

Election of officers for the year 1936. They were unanimously elected. Frank J. Miklavic kept his chair of Presidency, Mary Thomas, Vice President, Frank J. Kress, Treasurer, Helen Barilar, Recording Secretary, and Adolph Miklavic, Secretary.

The Morning Star Lodge received 4 transfer members to their lodge within the last few months. They are as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth Di Dio, Mrs. Mary Pagliassotti, Helen Miklavic, Mr. John Badovinac and one Juvenile member, George Kreter, Jr.

Will all Morning Stars please pay their assessments for this month before the 24th, so that the assessments can be sent to the Supreme Secretary no later than December 29, 1935. Please be prompt.

Wishing you all a very "Merry Christmas" and a "Prosperous New Year,"

Adolph Miklavic,

L-I-N-K-S

By Ann & Ann

Springfield, Ill.—It is very important that every member be present at the final meeting of the year, which will be held on Friday, Dec. 20, as officers for the coming year will be elected and definite plans for our 10th anniversary dance will be made. Let's have a record attendance at this meeting.

Everything is in readiness for the Christmas party which will be held at the home of the Klasinszes, 1815 North 10th street, Sunday, Dec. 22, at 2 p. m. Santa Claus will be there to pay the juveniles a visit, and the adults are requested to bring a 10c gift for the grab bag. Adults must advise the writers not later than Friday night whether or not they are planning to attend.

Congratulations, Young Americans, on your 10th Anniversary. May success be yours always!

A Merry Christmas to all!

Chicago's Annual Xmas Party

Chicago.—It does our hearts good to watch the young SNPJ members talk and gather for their annual Xmas festival. It does us good to have them render and see a complete Juvenile program, to see the delight with which they indulge in the numerous delicacies and games and to see such fine young men and women among them from which will sprout the future of SNPJ crop and their leaders. In promoting this program and festival, each year, the Chicago District Federation of SNPJ is performing a valuable service for the SNPJ.

With the addition of Integrity youngsters and with the coming of South Chicago's Delavac crew, for the second time, this year's Xmas Party promises to be the best and biggest ever staged.

We invite our many loyal members to help bring on the true spirit of the occasion. Nothing will do more to bring about this spirit than a record attendance. Hence, we ask that you come and bring your children along.

The program is in charge of two of our capable sisters, Mary Jugg and Dorothy Sodnik. It will include many fine numbers, among them a novelty Hawaiian string ensemble. Hawaiian music is admired by everyone. Then we'll have piano solos, declamations, vocal duets, vocal solos, accordion music, folk dances and a play. You'll feel as though you were listening in on some all star Juvenile broadcast.

The program will begin with the SNPJ March by Rodman's orchestra at 2 p. m. There will be something doing every minute from then on until closing time. And the grown-ups can be assured that we will attend to their desires to occupy the dance floor and not be molested.

Admission in advance will be 25c. At the door 35c. Members should understand that no cards will be sent them, as customary. We have placed ads in Pros-Vieta and Proletarec instead.

Come and help us in this important work for work it is in behalf of the Society.

P.C.—D.J.L.

HEARTS OF AMERICA LODGE

Kansas City, Mo.—Members of Lodge 690:—Be sure to turn in your money and unsold tickets, so that the Trustees can audit the books and have a clear record for the 1st of the year. Members, you are all urged to attend the last meeting of the year which will be held Thursday, Dec. 19, at 8 p. m. Be present without fail, otherwise you'll be obligated to pay a 50c fine. Come to the meeting and elect your officers, and tell them just what you expect. After all, you members know that the officials need your cooperation. So it is up to you!

The dance and play of Dec. 7 and 'was well attended, and I am sure that everybody enjoyed themselves. (I think that Sis. Helen Rezin did get the most apples.)

Tony Stoes, Rec. Sec'y.

Let Us Not Be Deceived

For the last four or five weeks there has been a lot of lively discussion about our English speaking lodge conference, not only among members of our younger generation, but among old members as well. Ever since its adjournment we have read articles in this connection in our official organ and in some other—friendly and unfriendly papers also. All writers seem to be very much interested in the matter, and some of them evidently feel duty bound to criticize everything in connection with that conference, and to tell us what should and should not have happened.

Immediately after the conference one of the unfriendly papers published an article saying that there was at our conference a "serious rebellion" of our youth against the old guard in the SNPJ, and making an absurd and senseless prediction that these youngsters will soon abrogate those "foolish ideas" of free thought and deceitful teaching of socialistic principles in the Society. Some of our members evidently took that silly prediction and our opponent's nonsense seriously. That, at least, they indicate in their talks and their writings in the Pros-Vieta. And so we presently got to the point where the columns of our official organ are full of undue criticism of our youth, full of false alarms about the danger of our ideals and principles, etc., and full of all kinds of lectures and advices, wise and otherwise.

Some of the writers think that our English speaking conference was an utter failure and that it should have never been held. Some really believe in the "boggy statement" that there was a rebellion and an attempt made to relinquish the "principles of the SNPJ," and therefore write such alarming articles about the conference. Some are even more harsh and suggest that delegates should have gotten a good bawling out by the Supreme officers and sent right home as soon as they dared to question any of our policies. And there are also members who are malicious by spreading around the falsehood that the Supreme officers present were afraid for their positions and refrained from getting up and saying something in defense of the SNPJ principles, and that somebody else had to do that in their stead.

There is no doubt that most of the members commenting on the actions of our English speaking conference and criticizing certain individuals, mean well. Yet, there is a limit to everything and we must not let this thing go too far. If we want to prevent more serious consequences we must not let false alarms and undue accusations and silly imagination get the best of us. They have a harmful effect on our campaign and the general good of the Society, some of which is noticed already. One reading about our disputes and strifes and hearing of these scarecrows week after week, will very likely arrive at a conclusion that we are a quarrelsome bunch, having an awful fight among ourselves right now, on account of the English speaking lodge conference, and that our Society really is in danger. In fact, there are many who think that that's just what is the matter with us. And any person having such conception of us and our organization will not try very hard to get any new members, nor be anxious to join if he or she is not yet a member.

The English speaking conference was arranged mainly for the purpose of creating more interest and friendship for the Society among our youth, by bringing them together and making them more closely acquainted among themselves, and with the noble work and activities of the SNPJ in general, in anticipation that that would bring us good returns in the ways of more loyalty, better cooperation and better increase in membership. And, that's what the conference really strived to do, and not to overthrow our ideals and principles as some persons try to tell you.

We should, therefore, not be unduly alarmed about our youth. The boys and girls that made up our conference have displayed a fine intelligence in making splendid reports and keenly following the discussions on various topics; they have shown willingness to listen and learn and cooperate. And there is no doubt that good results will follow if we will know how to handle our youth and learn how to appreciate them.

We should not too severely criticize those that dared to say something about carrying out our principles, and express their views and opinions about our policies. They are merely human beings, subject to mistakes like we all are. They are young, inexperienced and no worse than many of us were at that age. In fact, they are better. Practical experience and hard knocks of life will teach them many a lesson and make them change their views on many things. We should help and assist them by good examples and kind admonitions, rather than by undue denunciations and unfriendly vituperations.

The little incident that occurred at the conference while discussing our organ's policy should not worry us too much, and the few unpleasant words that have been uttered in a heated debate should be forgotten. We, after all, did not expect the delegates to merely nod or say yes to everything; and would not think much of them if they did. If there were sufficient time given for due discussion of the matter, everything would have been properly explained and satisfactorily clarified, and there would be left no uncertainty and no reason for the fear that our youth will abrogate the principles of the Society. They have made no such attempt at this conference (and will not in the future), and there was no reason for insolent bawling out or for hitting with the sledge hammer on the head method of teaching, as some of the would-be saviors of our principles say we should have done, and no one had to defend our principles instead of the Supreme officers, for there was no need for such defense.

So let us not be deceived by these silly scarecrows, regardless of where they come from, and employ faulty tactics in dealing with our youth! Let us not waste too much time in imaginary danger to our principles, for no such thing exists. Let us rather consolidate all our energies and concentrate our thoughts on campaign work and solicitation of new members, and work together as real fraternal brothers and sisters, for a bigger and better SNPJ!

Vincent Cankar, Supreme President.

Badgerland News

Milwaukee, Wis.—Just another reminder that the last meeting of the year will be held December 19, 1935, and we expect all the Badgers to be present.

Our Badger bowlers are going up to the top again. They're in second place now. Joe Glavan is one of our "600" bowlers, so watch out, Pioneers! Frank Obluck still holds the high individual score with 263. Our team had the highest "33-score." They ran up a total of 2743 pins. Let's give them a hand, Badgers!

Our well-known Badgerettes, Rose Kochevar and Mary Gradisher are going to Minnesota for the Christmas holidays. Rose is going home and Mary is just visiting. Have a good time, girls! Louise and "Tony" Toms went home to Indiana for the Thanksgiving holidays. (Did you miss them at the Badger dance?) After the first of the year the Badgers will lose some of their active members when the Gradisher family moves to Muskegon, Michigan. We sure will miss them.

Mr. Schweiger, the chairman of our last dance committee, wishes me to ask all members who have tickets from the dance to bring them in at the meeting so an accurate check can be made.

Latest News-Bits

Hank was "caught" buying furniture again. Trying to keep something from us, Hank?

Mrs. Jereb's little boy Eddie actually goes home early from dances now. Why? Ask Eddie's Mrs.

Santa Claus is coming to town, and let's hope he has something in his bag for the Badgers. Were you all good little boys and girls?

Vera D. Sostarich,
Badger Lodge 584.

EDITOR'S NOTE

St. Chicago, Ill., J. K.:—Your announcement was a week late.

Wolverine News

Detroit.—Our Thanksgiving dance of November 23 was far from being a great success. Financially, it was almost a flop, but all in all, it was a great improvement over the dances held previously—we had a fair crowd and I'm quite sure everybody had an enjoyable time. Although the attendance of Wolverine members was above the average, it was quite a long way from being the 100% that was promised. Our "chicken shoot" on the following day turned out to be a better financial venture than the dance of the day before, but here again the majority of the Wolverines seemed to turn just a casual eye.

In order to go ahead and build up our lodge membership we must have the whole-hearted support of our members in all of our various dealings. There are some who do not realize that to run a lodge there must be money to pay for the hall rent, money for officers' salaries, flowers, sporting prizes, etc. There is only one way for us to secure financial resources and that is by sponsoring dances, plays, outings, etc., and the very least a member can do is, to simply attend and pay his admission fee, which he should be glad and willing to do in any event if possible.

A motion was made and approved at our meeting of December 1 that a vote of thanks be given to the Young Americans through the Pravaeta for their large attendance at our Thanksgiving dance. Their support is very much appreciated and very necessary to the success of our affairs. Although we Wolverines hate to admit it, our success in such ventures is largely dependent upon the Y. A. attendance, but we realize it, and because of that fact, we try to put our dances, parties, etc., over in such a way that you Y. A.'s that attend do not do so in a spirit of charity, but come knowing you will have a good time. In return, our members were urged to attend the Y. A. Tenth Anniversary Celebration, now two weeks past. It seems that the Banquet was a great success although the dance on the following night was not quite up to what had been expected.

All of this leading up to one thought: Why not get together and sponsor two dances; the advertising and publicizing for each dance to be done by both lodges, but as to the work on the night of each dance, the Wolverines would be in charge at one dance and the Young Americans in charge at the other, thus preventing any confusion or small-time squabbles. I feel sure that with both lodges pulling together, that we could expect nothing but success on both nights. One of the dances could be held in the latter part of January, about the 25th, and the other could be a Valentine's Day dance on February 8, or any two dates that will be suitable to both lodges. By hiring good orchestras and doing a lot of advertising, we would be assured of a large attendance. Think it over.

The following are the officers whom, we hope, will lead the Wolverines to a larger membership, a bigger treasury, and help to bring back the old-time enthusiasm to the Wolverines in 1936: Anthony J. Anzick, Jr., president; Joseph Kopymeyer, vice-president; Daniel S. Obed, treasurer; Albin Obed, financial sec'y.; and Charlotte Anzick, recording sec'y. The auditors: Anton Steffler, Jr., August Optek, and John Debelak.

The Wolverine Lodge at its meeting of December 1 has gone on record to enforce that part of the SNPJ by-laws, article 23, Section 1, which reads: "Every member shall attend at least every third regular

Albin Obed, Sec'y., Lodge 677.

STRUGGLERS

CLEVELAND, O.—Don't forget and Bro. Skalaris. Greetings to you all. We are glad to have you with us. The meeting in Nov. brought in several new faces, but since the writer does not recall their names, he will have to omit them all to avoid any hard feelings. The Strugglers are growing!

Thank You!

Bro. Cesnik, former Struggler, back in Strugglers' camp and at present manager of Kremzar's furniture store on St. Clair ave., was with us at the Dec. meeting and presented the lodge with a beautiful table lamp which was drawn at the meeting and won by Sis. Krasovic. Thank you, Bro. Cesnik, for your contribution. Here's hoping you succeed in your present undertaking. Bro. Cesnik, by the way, is a charter member of the Strugglers.

John E. Lokar, Lodge 614.

YULE PARTY AND DANCE

Claridge, Pa.—You are all invited to attend a Xmas party and Yuletide Dance at the local Slovene home for the benefit of the SNPJ Lodge No. 7. M. Baloh, Sec'y.

