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SPLOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

BOJI ZA FILIPINE
Velika novica preteklega tedna je bila nova ameriška invazija Filipinov. To pot se je ameriško vojaštvo izkrcalo na zapadnem filipinskem otoku Mindoro. V začetku tega tedna je bilo poročano, da so ameriške čete zavzele mesto San Jose in prodrle do 12 milj proti sredini otoka. Površina otoka Mindoro meri okrog 3800 kvadratnih milj in smatra se, da je otok velike strateške važnosti. Invazija je bila uspešna in izvedena brez večjih izgub, toda za popolno posest otoka se bodo nedvomno vršili še trdi boji. Otok Leyte, kjer je bila izvedena prva ameriška invazija Filipinov, je že večino v posesti Američanov.

NEMŠKI PROTINAPADI

Na zapadni evropski fronti so Nemci konci preteklega tedna podvzeli močno protiofenzivo in so na nekaterih krajih potisnili zavezniške na nekaj milj nazaj. Na približno 60 milj dolgi fronti se vršijo izredno hudi boji med zavezniški in Nemci. Na italijanski fronti so britanske čete zavzele mesto Faenza; v ostalem je situacija na omenjeni fronti skoro neizpremenjena. Rusi zožujejo obroč okrog Budimpešte in potiskajo Nemce proti zapadu, na severu v Slovaški in na jugu proti meji Štajerske. Nemci poročajo tudi o obnovljeni ruski ofenzivi na Poljskem.

HITLER V ZATONU

Iz švedske poročajo, baje iz zanesljivih virov, da je bil Hitler prisiljen odložiti vrhovno vojaško komando in jo prepustiti generalu. To da so izsilili od njega Himmler, Goebbels in general Rundstedt v začetku septembra, ko so zavezniške armade z veliko naglico prodirale preko Francije proti nemški meji.

O RDEČEM KRIŽU

Na letnem zborovanju Ameriškega rdečega križa, ki se je vršilo pretekli teden v Washingtonu, je bilo poročano, da so preračunani izdatki te humanitarne organizacije od začetka vojne do marca prihodnjega leta na 394 milijonov dolarjev. V preteklem letu je Rdeči križ nakolektal nad pet milijonov pintov krvi za krvno plazmo. V raznih delih sveta vzdržuje Ameriški rdeči križ 727 klubov, ki nudijo razvedrilo več kot 7 milijonov vojakov; poleg tega ima 194 klubov na kolesih za kraje, kjer ni stalnih klubov. Ta organizacija je tekom vojne odpelala 20 milijonov paketov vojnim ujetnikom v različnih državah.

DIPLOMATSKO SMERNICE

Zdi se, da nastaja neka preorientacija v našem državnem departmentu v Washingtonu. Bivši dolgoletni državni tajnik Cordell Hull je zaradi starosti in slabega zdravja resigniral in na njegovo mesto je bil imenovan bivši podtajnik. Dalje je bilo imenovanih šest novih pomožnih državnih tajnikov. Bivši ameriški poslanik v Argentini, Norman Armour, je bil imenovan za poslanika v Španiji, in dosedanjí ameriški poslanik v Turčiji, Lawrence A. Steinhardt, je bil imenovan za

PROVIZORIČNA VLADA V JUGOSLAVIJI

Ameriški korespondent v Londonu, Clifton Daniel, je poslal listu New York Times obširno poročilo o razvojih v Jugoslaviji, iz katerega so v naslednjem povzeti sledeči zanimivi izerki:
"V Beogradu se vršijo pogajanja za organiziranje federalne vlade v Jugoslaviji, v kateri naj bodo zastopane vse stranke. Organizatorji se upajo na ta način izogniti civilnim nemirov in zunanje intervencije, kar se je zgodilo pri nastopu poveljnih vlad v Belgiji in Grčiji.
"Ta pogajanja so zakasnila povratek v London dr. Ivana Šubašiča, sedanjega ministrskega predsednika kraljeve jugoslovanske vlade, ki je bil nedavno obiskal Moskvo; pričakuje pa se, da bodo zaključena v prihodnjih dveh tednih.
"Sestava provizorične vlade, ki bo kontrolirala Jugoslavijo v razdobju med popolno osvoboditvijo dežele in splošnimi volitvami po vojni, temelji na sporazumu med dr. Šubašičem in maršalom Titom, voditeljem narodnega osvobodilnega gibanja.
"Nekatere podrobnosti o sestavi te vlade so že znane. V prvi vrsti bo vzpostavljeno regentstvo treh mož, ki bodo predstavljali tri glavne narodnostne skupine v Jugoslaviji, namreč Srbe, Hrvate in Slovence. Regentstvo bo trajalo do zaključka plebiscita ali splošnih volitev, če naj bo bodoča Jugoslavija republika ali monarhija. Kralj Peter bo ostal v inozemstvu vsaj do zaključka plebiscita.
"Organiziran bo kabinet federalnega sistema, za kakršnega sta se dr. Šubašič in maršal Tito sporazumela. Notranji kabinet bo sestojal iz šestih državnih ministrov, ki bodo zastopali vsak po en federalni distrikt. Naknadno bo še 22 ministrov, katerim bo poverjena odgovornost raznih departmentov.
"Ministrski predsednik bo skoro brez vprašanja maršal Tito, ki mi je bil opisan od nekega Amerikanca, kateri ga dobro pozna, kot najbolj izrazita osebnost Jugoslavije. Za dr. Šubašiča se pričakuje, da bo državni minister, najbrž zastopajoč Hrvatsko, katere ban je bil pred vojno.
"Člani regentstva bodo najbrž trije starejši državniški častniki preteklostjo. Ministri bodo izbrani izmed pripadnikov vseh strank, ki se niso umazale s sodelovanjem s sovražnikom. Sodi se, da bo ministre izbral Osvobodilni odbor po posvetoivanju z dr. Šubašičem.
"S tem, da bo v novi vladi dano zastopstvo vsem narodnostim in vsem političnim strankam, se upajo organizatorji izogniti sporom za nadvlado, kakršni spori so privedli Grčijo do krvave tragedije. Vlada se bo zavezala vzdrževati "štiri svobodščine" in ne bo skušala ovirati kritike.
"Dasi so bili v deželi ostri notranji spori, predno se je gibanje maršala Tita povzpelo do vladajočih avtoritet v Jugoslaviji, Osvobodilni pokret ne kaže razpoloženja za veliko "čistko" prejšnjih nasprotnikov. Četniki generala Draže Mihajloviča, ki je bil obdolžen sodelovanja z Nemci, so bili povabljeni, da se pridružijo Narodni osvobodilni armadi maršala Tita, če so pripravljeni se boriti

(Dalje na 3. strani)

O BOŽIČNEM ZELJENJU

Zelenje, ki v božični sezoni krasi naša bivališča v mestih srednjega zapada in vzhoda, dobimo večinoma s severa in juga in deloma iz zapada. Božična drevesca predstavljajo večinoma smreke, borovci in jelke, ki so zrastle v naših severnih in zapadnih državah ter v Canadi. Med našimi državami nam da največ tega zelenja država Maine, nekaj pa ga prispevajo tudi države Minnesota, Montana, Washington in Colorado. Iglasto drevje najbolj uspeva v prično hladnem podnebju.
Vsakemu znani božični venci so spleteni iz vejic dreva ali grmičja, ki je v tej deželi znano pod imenom holly, v slovenščini pa imamo zanj najbližji izraz božje drevice. Starokrajsko božje drevice, kakršno je znano v Sloveniji, se sicer precej razlikuje od ameriškega, vendar mu je sorodno. V naših jugozapadnih državah, posebno v Arizoni in nekaterih krajih Californije raste holly v velikih množinah kot grmovje po peščenih gričih, kjer skoraj nobeno drugo rastlinstvo ne more uspevati. Posekano grmičje zraste znova kot leščevje, torej se zaloga tega zelenja leto za leto obnovlja brez vsake oskrbe. Vsako leto se v predbožični sezoni izvozi sto in sto železniških voz tega grmičja v velika mesta, kjer se iz vejic istega spleta znani božični venci za prodajo.
Nadaljno sezonsko zelenje v tej deželi predstavlja omela ali omelje, ki se v angleščini imenuje mistletoe. Omela je vednozelna zajedavka, ki raste tu in tam na starejših vejah hrastov, moki in jablan. Ta rastlina nikjer ne raste iz zemlje kot drugo grmovje, ampak požene svoje korenine v veje ali debla drugih dreves in živi tako na tuj račun. V Sloveniji so rabili omelo za napravo nekakih metel, s katerimi so pometali notranjost krušnih peči; kuhano zelenje tega grmičja so včasih pokladali tudi prašičem. Iz lepljivih, belih ali rumenkastih jagodic tega grmičja so otroci napravljali lim za ptičje limanice. Druga pomena omela v Sloveniji ni imela in pri božičnih dekoracijah ni prihajala v poštev.
(Dalje na 8. str.)

MESTO BUDAPEST

Sredi meseca decembra so se vršili med Rusi na eni strani ter Madžari in Nemci na drugi strani odločilni boji za Budapešt, ali kakor včasih mesto imenujemo: Budimpešt.
Budapest šteje okrog enega milijona prebivalcev in je glavno mesto Ogrske ali Madžarske, kraljevine brez kralja, kateri je skoraj ves čas od zadnje svetovne vojne naprej vladal regent Nikolaj Horthy. Omenjeni regent je bil po vojaškem činu admiral, in sicer admiral brez mornarice, ter je vladal kraljevini brez kralja do pred nekaj tedni, ko so ga Nemci odvedli na varno v Nemčijo.
Madžari so mongolskega plemena in so prišli v Evropo iz Azije okrog leta 884. Okrog leta 1000 so imeli že močno državo, kateri so zaporedoma vladali različni kralji. Okrog leta 1700 je Madžarska prišla pod oblast Habsburžanov, ki so ji vladali do konca zadnje svetovne vojne.
Glavno mesto Budapešt je prav za prav dvojno mesto, zdru-

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Predno zaključimo leto 1944

Glavni odbor ABZ je razpisal za mesec december mladinsko kampanjo. To se pravi, da pogledamo še malo naokoli za novimi člani mladinskega oddelka, predno se zaključijo stara leta. Posebno bi to naročilo veljalo vsem onim delegatom in delegatkinjam zadnje konvencije, ki so izgubili že kakšnega novopridobljenega člana v tem letu.
Decembarska kampanja je tudi lep opomin vsem našim društvenim tajnikom in tajnicam, ki bodo dobili novoletno darilo iz glavnega urada za vsakega mladinskega člana 36 centov. Število teh članov se šteje z dnem 31. decembra 1944.
Vem, da je v mesecu decembru polno dela vseh, posebno pa imajo dosti dobri in vestni tajniki, vendar apeliram na vse člane in članice, da pomagajo svojim društvenim tajnikom in tajnicam, da vpišejo nove mladinske člane pred novim letom.
Kandidatke za članstvo v mladinskem oddelku v tej decembarski kampanji ne bo potreba predlagati na društveni seji, ampak jih lahko sprejmejo društveni predsedniki, tajniki in blagajniki. To je zelo enostavno in lahko.

Predno zaključimo leto, spomnimo se, da imamo kampanjo v mesecu decembru.

Janko N. Rogelj, glavni predsednik ABZ.

SLOVENSKE VESTI

V Walsenburgu, Colo., se bo v nedeljo 24. decembra vršila veselica, ki jo priredi društvo št. 101 ABZ in katere čisti dobiček je namenjen fondu za vrnitve se člane-vojake. Prostor prireditve: dvorana Pavilion.
V počast stoletnice rojstva pesnika Simona Gregorčiča priredi Slovenska mladinska šola S. N. Doma v Clevelandu, Ohio, zanimivo božično v nedeljo 24. decembra. Prireditve se bo vršila v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Ave. in se bo pričela ob 3. uri popoldne.
Slovenski mladinski krožek v Sharonu, Pa., vprižori na večer 24. decembra zanimivo božičnico v tamkajšnjem Slovenskem domu. Čisti dobiček prireditve je namenjen v pomoč rojakom v starem kraju.

IZ JUGOSLAVIJE

Urad za vojne informacije v Washingtonu citira poročilo švedske lista Stockholms Tidningen sledeče: Ko se je začela ruska fronta bližati Avstriji, so postali boji med jugoslovanskimi partizani in Nemci ostrejši v Slovenskih gorah in Pohorjskem gorovju. V mariborskem okrožju slovenski borci razstreljujejo mostove in napadajo Nemce v rednih formacijah. Slovenski uporniki so najbolj aktivni v krajih, ki so bili odtrgani od Jugoslavije in pridruženi Nemčiji, odkoder je bilo slovensko prebivalstvo pregnano in Nemci naseljeni na njihova mesta. Vsekakor so mnogi Slovenci utekli v gore in gozdove, odkoder so napadali nemške vojaške edinice na obeh straneh Dravice. Nemci priznavajo, da te slovenske borce vodijo "Titovi agenti" in da njihovi neprestani napadi vznemirjajo nemško vojaštvo. Nemci so v dotičnih okrožjih zgradili utrdbe, ki zadržujejo partizanske aktivnosti, toda nemški brambovci komaj

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SEDEMINDVAJSET LET

Ob sedemindvajseti obletnici ruske oktoberске revolucije je ruski vojni korespondent Elija Ehrenburg napisal članek z gornjim naslovom, iz katerega naj bodo v naslednjem navedeni nekateri značilni izerki:
"Najboljši spomenik dogodkov, ki so pretresli svet pred 27 leti, bi bil morda obraz matere, katerega otroka je rešila rdeča armada, matere iz Srbije ali Belorusije ali Kirkenesa na mrzlem severu. Takrat mnogi niso razumeli Rusije; mislili so, da so njene porodne bolečine smrtna agonija. Na zapadu, vzhodu, severu in jugu je divjala vojna. Pomanjkanje, mraz in tifus so zahtevali svoje žrtve. Železniške tračnice so bile zarastle s travo; otroci brez doma so tavali okoli. Mala električna žarnica se nam je zdela kot velika baklja.
"Fregata Kristofa Kolumba ni plula ob obalah in smer sovjetske ladje je bila blokada in težavna. Mi nismo živeli od obrestih preteklosti. Tisti, ki so živeli v dolgo ustaljenih domovih, so vprašajoče zrlj na nas. Godrnjali so, da mi ne gradimo po predpisih. Bolj dobrohotni so rekli, da spadamo v otroški vrtec; bolj zlobni so nas hoteli vtakniti v prisilni jopič.
"Toda, kdo more trditi, da je vladala sreča v starih komodnih hišah, kjer so živeli ljudje, ki so prezirali našo robotost in revščino? Seveda, oni so imeli dovolj dobre volnene obleke in porcelanaste posode, toda niso imeli sreče. Za zapad je bila doba med obema vojnama doba skrbi, temnih slutenj in divjega zasledovanja trenutnih razvedril. Razsvetljava v počast miru še ni bila povsem ugasnila, ko so se že začele vaje za novo vojno.
"Istočasno pa so se morilci že plazili po cestah nemških mest. Ko so diplomati, kot okamenele statuje, in luksuznih uradih razpravljali o reparacijah, so Thy-seni in Voeglerji v pivnicah Monakova in Berlina že delali načrte za novo vojno. Kuga se je pričela širiti. Zastopniki 'novega reda' so pričeli s sežiganjem Heinijevih poezij. Manjši 'nadjudje' so začeli zasledovati stare žide. Stanovanci v dostojnih domovih so polahno karali kani-

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NI NAM TREBA VZETI ZADNJE KLOPI

Slovenski priseljenci v Ameriki z našo tu rojeno mladino vred predstavljamo le majhen drobec ameriškega prebivalstva, toda smelo lahko trdimo, da smo k splošnemu blagostanju republike, proporcionalno z našim številom, prispevali toliko ali več kot katera koli druga priseljeniška skupina. Včasih je dobro, da na to opozorimo sami sebe in povemo to naši mladini, da se ji izbjije morebitne občutke manjvrednosti.
Nobena druga priseljeniška skupina ni v tolikem številu zavarovana v bratskih podpornih organizacijah kot naša. To dokazuje, da skrbimo za prihodnost in da za primere bolezni in nesreč ne maramo biti v breme javni dobrotelčnosti.
Naši slovenski priseljenci so v splošnem pridni, varčni in poštjeni. To vedo in priznajo tako zvezni stari Američani in drugorodci, ki imajo stike z njimi. Malo jih je, ki ti bili brez prihrankov, in malo jih je, ki ne bi poravnali svojih računov v trgovinah ali kjer si bodi. V vsaki slovenski naselbini je slovenski kredit vedno med najboljšimi.
Bivališča Slovencev so morda skromna, toda snažna. Okoli slovenskih hiš se ne dolgočasijo stare škafle, cunje in druga ropotija. Kjer je količjak prostora pri hiši, tudi v velikih mestih, mora biti nekoliko vrtička za travo, drevesa, grmičje, cvetlice in zelenjavo. To lahko opazi vsak, ki hodi po stanovanjskih delih mesta, kjer bivajo Slovenci. Včasih to opazijo in povedo tudi drugorodci.
V svoji dnevni koloni v listu "Cleveland Press" je poročevalec Carlton K. Matson dne 11. decembra zapisal med drugim sledeče: "Povedali vam bodo, da ko se je začelo vpitje o Victory gardens v sosesčini vzhodne 60. in 70. ceste in St. Clair Avenue, kamor so bili prišli Slovenci in kjer zdaj žive njihovi ameriški otroci, so prebivalci rekli: 'Well, well, what the hell? The world is catching up with us.' Oni so uspešno pridelovali zelenjavo v ozadjih njihovih hiš, odkar so se naselili v tem mestu." Članek omenja nadalje, kako so vrtiči v dotičnih okoliših čedno urejeni, kako so mejice pristrizene itd. Mi vse to vemo in nam je nekako samoumevno, toda drugorodca je prijetno iznenadilo.

V kampanjah za prodajo vojnih bonov Zedinjenih držav se naši rojaki v vsaki naselbini

častno izkažejo, ker vedo, da s tem vršijo patriotsko dolžnost dobrih državljanov, in ker se zavedajo, da so investicije v vladne bonde najbolj varne investicije na svetu. Ameriški rdeči križ ima lojalne prispevatelje v naših rojaki; prispevajo v krvi in denarju. In v zbiranju materialne pomoči za naše rojake v starem kraju naši priseljenci tudi niso med zadnjimi. Dasi so že dolga desetletja v tej deželi in dasi skoro brez izjeme nameravajo stalno ostati tukaj, niso pozabili naroda, iz katerega izhajajo, ki se tako junaško bori za svojo svobodo, da ga obučuje svetovna javnost. Tozadevni prispevki morda niso tako veliki kot bi želeli, toda, če pomislimo, da med nami ni resničnih bogatašev, da nas je malo in

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VSAK PO SVOJE

Ameriško oglaševanje na radio je čudovito. Oglašajo avtomobile, katerih ne morete kupiti; gasolin, katerega dobite le dve galoni na teden; cigare in cigarete, katere včasih dobite včasih pa ne. Oglašajo čudovite pomade za lase, ki pa ne ozdravijo nobene pleše. Oglašajo praške za lepe zobe, toda premočni se morajo zanje priporočiti dentistu. Najbolj glasno in vsiljivo pa nam trobentajo o čudovitih učinkih vitaminov. Pa so nedavno v medicinski šoli univerze Duke zdravniki napravili poskušnjo. Sto dijakov je dobivalo samo običajno hrano, sto drugih pa dodatne vitamine, in po enomesečni poskušnji so bili tam, kjer so pričeli. To se pravi, da zdravstveno stanje ene in druge skupine ni bilo nič boljše in nič slabše kot prej.
Iz gori navedenega je razvidno, da so toliko oglaševani vitamini nekaj podobnega kot tradicionalni Blažev žegen, ki nič ne pomaga in nič ne škoduje. Zdi se, da vitamini pomagajo le tistim, ki jih prodajajo.
Naši slovenski priseljenci na splošno ne dajo dosti na vitamine v pisanih skatlah in okroglih pilulah. Zanesajo se, da dobijo vse potrebne vitamine kamoflažirane v pečenkah, steakih, klobasah, šunkah, solati, krompirju, fižolu, žgancih, kislem zelju, poticah, krofih, štrukljih in zajetnih sendvičih, s primernim dodatkom vina, piva ali rakije. In zdi se, da se ne motijo dosti.
Sedanja časa nam dnevno prinašajo toliko novih problemov, da noben govornik ali članekar ni v zadregi za sodobne predmete razprav. Kljub temu se dobijo samopostavljeni vodniki in preroki, ki kavgajo o lanskem snegu, oziroma o zadevah, ki imajo za nas in za sedanje čase toliko pomena kot pred desetletji skopneli sneg. Pa mislijo: kako so učeni in kako nam imponirajo!
Prebivalcem Nemčije je prepovedano jadikovati in se pritoževati. Tozadevni ukaz je izdal propagandni minister Josef Goebbels. Prepovedi smeja ni bilo treba.
Vsega se mora človek učiti v življenju, le dar vremenskega prerokovanja pride sam od sebe. Treba ni drugega kot doživeti tako zvana zrela leta. Kadarkoli nevidna kura kljuje mezinca na nogi, s katerega je pred desetletji gledalo kurje oko, kadarkoli sečmi brazgotina na prstu, kjer sem se bil urezal, ko sem kot pastirček na paši piščalke delal, kadarkoli me pritajena bolečina spomni, na katero koleno sem se bil udaril, ko sem pred pol stoletjem s črešnje padel, takrat vem za gotovo, da prihaja slabo vreme. Morda tu na obali jezera Erie prijazno sonce sije, toda moji samopostavljeni barometri mi pravijo, da je na poti mrzel dež od Atlantika, nevihta od Mehškega zaliva ali snežni vihar od North Dakote. Tako zrela leta prinesejo dar vremenskega prerokovanja. Mladi ljudje nimajo takih talentov.
Cenjeni gozdarstvi: ki letos kupujejo božične igrače za otroke, se pritožujejo, da so izdelane večinoma iz lesa ali papirja. Pa ima ta reč tudi svojo dobro stran: Santa Claus jih bo

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Iz urada glavnega tajnika A. B. Z.

From the Office of Supreme Secretary

PREJEMKI IN IZDATKI MESECA NOVEMBRA 1944.

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1944.

Odrasli Oddelek—Adult Dept.

Dr. št. Lodge No.	Prejemki Income	Izdatki Disbursements
1	\$ 403.50	
2	859.59	
3	40.00	
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SEZONSKE MISLI

V tej sezoni je malo dneva in svetlobe, pa toliko več noči in teme. Ceo tekom dneva nam sončni sij pogosto zastira megle, oblaki in sneženi meteži. Toda mi vemo, da je sonce na nebu in da bomo čez nekaj mesecev spet v obilici deležni njegovega sija. Vemo, da so se dnevi skrčili do skrajnosti in da se od sedaj naprej ne bodo več krčili, ampak daljšali. V koledarskem smislu smo vs. op. v zimno, v resnici pa že namerjamo korake soncu in pomladi naproti. To kljub dejstvu, da so tedni najhujše zime še pred nami.

Svetovna vojna situacija nekako sliči sedanji sezoni, če jo gledamo z našega stališča. Vojna na vzhodu in zapadu vstopa v štadij najhujše besnosti. Sončna poročila o velikih zmagah zaveznikov nam pogosto zasenčijo skrbi za naše drage, ki so sredi vojne meteža, in nad nami visijo težki oblaki zavesti, da so velike izgube tudi na naši strani neizogibne. Pri tem nam je v veliko uteho zavest, da se z odločnimi koraki bližamo zmagi, da si hudi in morda najhujši boji še pred nami.

Sezonsko voščilo: "mir ljudem na zemlji", je bolj aktualno in bolj iskreno mišljeno kot je bilo kdaj prej. Vsi dobro misleči ljudje na svetu si želijo miru, toda se istočasno zavedajo, da ga ne bo, dokler ne bodo temeljito porazene temne sile nemškega in japonskega militarizma, ki so izzvale sedanjo svetovno morijo. Ta militarizem more biti uničen le z orožjem. Strupenih kač in krvoločnih zveri ni mogoče poboljšati s pridigami ali besednimi argumenti; treba jih je pobiti ali pa zapreti v močno kletko. Mir ljudem na zemlji je za enkrat le lepa želja. Boji bodo klub prazniški sezoni divjali naprej, nove vojne sile bodo odhajale na bojišča, in mi, na domači fronti, bomo producirali vojni material.

Božična sezona pri nas doma ne bo imela nekdanjega sijaja in razigranosti. Naše misli ne bodo zbrane, ker bodo vsak hip poletavale na otoke prostranega Pacifika, v Francijo, Nizozemsko, Belgijo, Italijo in druge dežele in morja sveta, kjer se borijo naši sinovi, bratje, sorodniki in prijatelji, da bi enkrat zavladal resničen in pošten mir ljudem na zemlji. Vse, kar moremo direktno storiti zanje, je, da mislimo nanje, jim pogosto pišemo ter z našim delom in investicijami prispevamo k njihovi najboljši oskrbi.

V času, ko je na svetu toliko teme, trpljenja in sovrastva, je bolj kot kdaj prej potrebno, da tu v tej deželi negujemo plamen bratstva, prijateljstva in medsebojne pomoči. Vojaki na fronti si medsebojno pomagajo in se žrtvujejo za svoje tovariše. Zdravniki in bolničarke za fronto doprinašajo velike žrtve v pomoč ranjenecem. Mi, doma, ne moremo vršiti takih izrazitih činov bratstva. Toda marsikateri izmed nas lahko prispeva nekoliko svoje krvi za krvno plazmo, ki reši življenje marsikateremu ranjenemu vojaku.

So pa še drugi načini izražanja bratstva in prijateljstva. Morda imamo prijatelja ali znanca, ki ni zavarovan za primer bolezni ali nesreče. Nagovorimo ga, da vstopi v Ameriško bratsko zvezo in da v mladinski oddelku iste vpiše svoje nedoletne otroke. S tem bomo storili dobro delo zanj in za našo organizacijo.

V tej deželi kljub vojni ne trpimo pomanjkanja. Vse imamo, kar res potrebujemo. Ne manjka nam hrane, ne gorke obleke, ne primernih stanovanj. V božični sezoni bodo naše mize prav tako bogato obložene kot so bile v odgovarjajočih sezonah v letih pred vojno. Mnogi se bomo pri tej priliki spomnili naših otroških let in božičevanja v rodni Sloveniji. Priporočljivo je, da se takrat spomnimo tudi, da naši rojaki, ki so tam, že tri leta niso imeli niti božiča niti velike noči, ampak en sam veliki petek. Če se bomo na to spomnili, se bomo gotovo odločili liberalno prispevati denarno ali materialno k pomoči, ki se zbira zanje. Nobeno božično darilo ne bo sprejeto z večjo hvaležnostjo.

K sklepu želi pisec tega članka vsem članom in članicam Ameriške bratske zveze in vsem čitateljem tega lista tako vesele božične praznike kot so v razmerah mogoči. Z dodatkom k želji, da ko si bomo ob letu spet izmenjavali sezonska voščila, naj bi res sijal mir ljudem na zemlji!

Iz urada glavnega tajnika Ameriške bratske zveze

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Ali je mogoče? Yes, je mogoče!

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Kakšna lepa prilika za krajevne tajnike in tajnice. Pa ne samo za nje; tudi drugi člani imajo to priliko. Ali jo boste pustili iti mimo?

Vprašajte se, če je v resnici nemogoče dobiti v Vaši naselbini vsaj šest novih mladinskih članov. Ozrite se okrog; k sosedu, k sosedovemu sosedu, k sodelavcu v tovarni, v rovu, v jeklarni, v livarni. Ne sramujte se vprašati; saj boste ponudili nekaj dobrega, nekaj poštenega, nekaj koristnega in potrebnega. Zavarovalniški agent vpraša vsak teden; v mnogih slučajih vsaki dan, Vi vprašajte vsaj dvakrat. Sugestirajte prijatelju, prijateljici, nove vrste božično darilce za otroke—certifikat v mladinskem oddelku Ameriške bratske zveze, ki stane samo 15 centov na mesec in zavaruje otroka do \$450.00 smrtnine.

Poskusite svojo srečo. Preiskusite svojo zmoglost. Izrabite priliko, ki se Vam nudi ob priliki božični praznikov. Novinci imajo navadno več sreče kot izkušeni. Začnite takoj! Prilika je Vaša!

ANTON ZBASNIK, glavni tajnik.

SEZONSKA VOŠČILA

V mojem imenu in v imenu glavnega odbora Ameriške bratske zveze naj bodo v teh vrsticah izražene iskrene sezonske čestitke vsem članom in članicam naše bratske organizacije, združene z željo za vsestransko blagostanje in srečo vseh v letu 1945. Upajmo, da si bomo mogli ob letu izmenjati čestitke te sezone v miru, zdravju in zadovoljnosti.

JANKO N. ROGELJ, glavni predsednik ABZ.

Vsem glavnim in porotnim odbornikom in vsemu članstvu Ameriške bratske zveze želim tem potom vesele in zadovoljne božične praznike in srečno novo leto.

FRANK TOMSICH, JR., pomožni gl. tajnik ABZ.

Zdravja, blagostanja, bratstva, miru in zadovoljnosti naj bi bili v polni meri deležni vsi člani in članice Ameriške bratske zveze. To so moja sezonska voščila.

LOUIS CHAMPA, glavni blagajnik ABZ.

Člani in članice Ameriške bratske zveze! Naj bo zdravje in sreča doma v vaših hišah v tej sezoni in novo leto naj nam vsem prinese zaželeni mir in obnovljeno blagostanje.

DR. F. J. ARCH, vrh. zdravnik ABZ.

Vsem delegatom in delegatinkam 17. redne konvencije, glavnemu odboru in vsemu članstvu Ameriške bratske zveze pošiljam iskrena sezonska voščila.

JOHN KUMSE, preds. gl. nadzornega odseka.

Prav iskrena božična in novoletna voščila za veselejšo bodočnost vsem glavnim in porotnim odbornikom in odbornicam, delegatom in delegatinkam zadnje redne konvencije, društvenim uradnikom in uradnicam in vsemu članstvu odraslega in mladinskega oddelka: da bi nam novo leto prineslo zmago in mir!

FRANK E. VRANICAR, 1. gl. nadzornik ABZ.

Vesele božične praznike ter zdravje in srečno novo leto želim vsem delegatom in delegatinkam 17. redne konvencije in vsem članom in članicam Ameriške bratske zveze. Naj bi nam novo leto prineslo zmago in zaželeni mir in naj bi se med nas zdravi vrnil vsi člani, ki so zdaj raztreseni po vseh kontinentih in morjih sveta.

MATT ANZELC, 2. gl. nadzornik ABZ.

Predno se približamo drugemu novemu letu, naj bi nas zmagala združila s tistimi, ki so nam dragi in kateri v tej božični sezoni ne morejo biti med nami, ker njih naloga še ni končana. Naše sezonsko darilo naj jim bodo naši neprestani napori, prispevani k poslom, ki so potrebni na domači fronti. Njihovo darilo nam je vedno svetlejša obljuba, da predno pride druga božična sezona, bodo zaključili svetovno vojno za mir na zemlji.

FRANK J. KRESS, 4. gl. nadzornik ABZ.

Vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto voščim vsem, ki spadajo k naši Ameriški bratski zvezi.

ANTON OKOLISH, preds. gl. porot. odbora.

VSAK PO SVOJE

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lažje nosil in otroci jih bodo lažje razbili.

Iz časniških in radijskih poročil se da sklepati, da bo jugoslovansko ljudstvo po tej vojni dobilo tako vladno, kakršno si bo izbralo. Tudi kralja, če ga bo hotelo. Mi, ameriški Slovenci, se ne navdušujemo za kralje niti v Jugoslaviji niti kje drugje, ker vidimo, da Amerika že nad 150 let čisto lahko izhaja brez njih, toda, če bodo Jugoslovani glasovali za kralja, naj ga imajo. Izbirali bodo sami, če hočejo imeti monarhijo ali republiko. In vse tako kaže, da te izbire ne bo diktiral niti nemški Berlin, niti italijanski Rim. To pa nekatere "rodoljubne" zelo boli.

Na naši slavni saintclairski cesti v Clevelandu je bila velika plinska eksplozija 20. oktobra izkopala precej grdo jamo. To brazgotino skupine delavcev dan za dnem popravljajo vse od dneva katastrofe naprej, pa se

zdi, da je vedno večja. Ako bodo vojna razdejavanja v Evropi tako počasi popravljali, bodo imeli dovolj dela za prihodnjih sto let.

Dom predsednika Roosevelta je v Hyde Parku v državi New York. Tja se poda, kadar si more vzeti nekaj dni počitnic. Tam tudi glasuje ob prilikah raznih volitev. Značilno v zvezi s tem je, da kot volilec navede svoj poklic kot tree grower: gojitelj dreves. Na njegovem posestvu je mnogo velikih dreves za lepoto in senco. Taka drevesa rastejo desetletja in stoletja brez vsake posebne oskrbe. To pomeni: da ima njihov gojitelj, kot tak, dovolj prostega časa in počitka. Kadar si bom jaz mogel vzeti daljše počitnice, bom skušal tudi postati tree grower.

V predbožični sezoni mrgoli po deželi profesionalnih Miklavžev z dolgimi lasmi in bradami. Navadno so najeti od raznih trgovin, in, seveda, plačani za oponašanje svetnikov. Prilietni možje, ki so nekdanj sprejemali teka začasna uposlenja, so zdaj večinoma uposleni v vojnih industrijah, in sedanji Miklavži so po večini ženske. To se pravi, da mesto Miklavžev imamo Miklavževke. Kaj si neki misli originalni sveti Miklavž v nebesih, ki je bil v življenju odlični škof, o sedanjih Miklavževkah! Nas, ki nismo škofje in ne mislimo postati, seveda ta reč ne vznemirja, ker, če so ženske za vsa druga dela in profesije sposobne, zakaj bi ne bile za škofovski poklic!

Na zahtevo poštne oblasti smo si letos kar par tednov prezgodaj voščili vesele božične praznike. Pa nič za to. Kjer so bila voščila pristna in iskrena, se ne bodo pokvarila, kot se zlato nikdar ne pokvari, in se ne bodo ohladila do božiča, pa magari, če vremenska temperatura pade pod ničlo. Božične praznike bomo torej preživeli v zavesti, da smo storili našo prijateljsko in patriotično dolžnost. In pri tej zavesti bomo morda imeli toliko prostega časa, da bomo Nemcem in Japoncem odkritosrčno želeli, naj bi jim bil vsak dan občuten tepežni dan.

A. J. T.

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Za bodoči sedež varnostne organizacije Združenih narodov, katero se namerava ustanoviti po vojni in ki bo do neke mere sličila bivši Ligi narodov, se od nekaterih strani priporoča Dunaj. Geneva v švic je baje izključena, ker nad njo je senca bivše nezmožne Lige narodov. Dunaj je nekako središče mirne Evrope, ima dobre zveze in stanovanjske prilike ter je v

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A. J. T.

SVET SE SPREMINJA

Podpredsednik Zedinjenih držav, Henry A. Wallace, je v svojem nedavnem govoru v Chicagu dejal, da se po vsem svetu vršijo velika presnavljanja in da se narodi po vojni ne bodo več vrnili v stare razmere. Dejal je, da velik del ameriškega časnijstva ne vidi ali neče videti teh razmer in krmi svoje čitatele z napačnimi informacijami. Človeštvo je na poti v nove razmere, ki bodo boljše od starih ako bomo duh časa pravilno razumeli in se mu primerno prilagodili.

IZMENJAVA

Iz Moskve poročajo, da se med Poljskim narodnim odborom ter sovjetskima republikama Ukraino in Belorusijo dogovorno vrši izmenjava oziroma preselitev prebivalstva. Te dni je dospela prva skupina Ukrajincev iz Poljske in istočasno je nekaj poljskega prebivalstva zapustilo Lvov. Ko bo preselitev izvršena, ne bo niti na eni strani na drugi strani mej mešanega prebivalstva. Pred to vojno je bilo v mejah Poljske 8 do 10 milijonov ukrajinskega in beloruskega prebivalstva.

DOHODNINSKI DAVKI

V začetku leta 1945 stopi v veljavo nekoliko izpremenjen sistem plačevanja dohodninskih davkov. Osebam, ki dobivajo plače tedensko ali mesečno, se bo tudi zanprej sproti odtrgavalo prispevek za dohodninski davek. Posebnost v novih določbah je, da vse 1. januarja ali pozneje sprejete plače se bo računalo kot dohodek leta 1945, brez ozira na to, če so bile tiste

VOJNI UJETNIKI

Kongresni odbor za vojne zadeve je te dni izdal poročilo, da se z ujetimi ameriškimimi vojniki v Nemčiji in Japonskem postopno prilično v soglasju s tožnimi mednarodnimi dogovori. Tako poročajo nevtalni zastopniki Rdečega križa. Po mednarodnih določbah morajo vojni ujetniki dobivati tako prehrano kot vojniki dežele, kjer so ujeti. Prehrana vojaštva v Italiji in Nemčiji je slabša kot v Ameriki, kar velja tudi za vojne ujetnike; vsekakor pa je boljše v Nemčiji kot na Japonskem. Ameriška vlada se strogo drži mednarodnih določb o ozirom na vojne ujetnike. V Zedinjenih državah je 281,000 nemških vojnih ujetnikov, 51,000 italijanskih in 2,200 japonskih.



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CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

The Christmas season is here again. This year finds country still at war and many of our boys and girls, from home. Many people feel that they can't enjoy Christmas as they should because their loved ones are away. It's true that we would all be much happier and more content if they could share our Christmas with us, in traditional American way, right here at home. However, we must do the best we can for those servicemen and things back home to go on as they did when they were home.

As one G. I. Joe wrote: "On Christmas morn I shall be thinking of all of you back home. I can just see the Christmas tree in the corner by the window. I can smell the 'potica' baking and hear my little sister's cry of delight when she opens her gifts. Although I won't be with you in person, I shall be with you in spirit. I shall know you are carrying on our way of celebrating Christmas. That's what I want you to do; that's what I'm fighting for."

So let's not let the boys down but let's do things in the same old way and be able to write to him, after the holidays, that Christmas was celebrated as usual and when he gets home things will be just the same as were when he left.

Some of our boys won't be returning, but I feel that too would want it that way. Only they would add: "That's what I died for." So let's carry on and celebrate Christmas the way we would want to until the day when they shall return and we shall be able to celebrate the merriest and of all Christmases.

To all AFU members everywhere, to our Supreme Officers and lodge officials, and especially to our service men and women, we wish a very merry Christmas with hope that next year, our families will be all together to make the saying, "Peace on earth; good will to men," become a realization.

Center Ramblers

Center, Pa. — After quite a number of months of absence, we decided to let it be known that we will be around.

Looking into Uncle Sam's shoes we find that one of our members has become a great hero. He is S/Sgt. Joseph Chiera belongs to the P-47 Fighter Squadron. The commendation reads: "Major John L. Hussy, Jr., Cliff, Long Island, squadron commanding officer states:

"I commend Sgt. Chiera for outstanding job he did during the early days of the Siapan campaign when, as a member of the squadron's assault detachment, he was among the first to enter the newly-captured Aslito zone. Despite enemy bombing, strafing and both ground and infiltration raids by Japanese armed forces, he continued day and night, untiringly and uncomplainingly, to pave the way for the arrival of our Thunderbolt Fighters and insure efficient operations during the days of combat to follow."

Sgt. Chiera is an assistant chief on the 7th AAF, P-47 Squadron and has been in the service since March, 1942.

* Paul Yearm is now spending a 15-day furlough at his home.

* Albert Sobr, son of Mr. Mrs. Frank Sobr of Chicago, Ill., and brother of our lodge member, Joseph Sobr, is spending several days visiting friends in Center, Pa. Center was at one time his home town. He served several years overseas prior to return here.

* During the past month we also had Edward and Frank Subic from the Navy, while other Carl who is in England, was promoted to the rating of Lieutenant.

We are proud of all the above-mentioned members and wish them all the best of luck. A speedy recovery is wished for all

News of AFU Yanks

John J. Urbancic, well-known to AFU members of the Collinwood-Cleveland area drops us a line from New Guinea. He writes: "Just a few lines from a regular contributor to the Nova Doba, a member of the Collinwood Boosters Lodge No. 188, AFU. I am stationed somewhere in New Guinea and there are many jungles here but they also have their good features. There are no Japs here. The natives are quite friendly but you have to keep an eye on them for they are always souvenir seeking. It seems the weaker sex of the natives do all the manual labor."

"Our particular area has all the modern facilities a person could ask for. We have an old Japanese generator that was left behind by the Japs which we use to generate our own power. We have movies three times a week and they are the latest releases direct from Hollywood."

"The meals are really swell here and we are fortunate enough to have two very good bakers so thus we have quite a bit of baked goods at all times."

"Where is 'Little Stan' and 'Big Stan'? I certainly would like to hear from the contributors of this sheet. At this time I would like to wish all the members of the AFU and especially the Collinwood Boosters Lodge members a Merry Christmas and (Continued on page 6)

our sick members and let's hope we'll see them all soon at our lodge meetings in the near future.

Frances Mozina-Kuchna, Recording Sec'y, Lodge No. 221, AFU, Center, Pa.

(Ed. note: This article arrived on Dec. 13th, the day on which the Nova Doba was mailed out. Therefore I have omitted mentioning the date of the annual meeting which was set for Dec. 17th).

New Officers of Lodge No. 1, AFU

Ely, Minn. — Lodge No. 1, AFU held its annual election Dec. 10, 1944 and the following were elected for the 1945 term: Charles Merhar, Sr., president; Joseph Shikonija, Sr., vice-president; Frank Tomsich, Jr., secretary; Frank Kotzian, Sr., treasurer; Joseph J. Peshel, recorder; Joseph Shikonija, Jr., Chairman of trustees, with Joseph Mishmash and Marko Duseich also named trustees. Only a very small number of members were present, however, various questions were discussed by those present, and after the meeting refreshments were served.

The meetings during the coming year will be held the second Sunday of each month in the hall located in the basement of the Yugoslav National Home, at 7 p. m. so every member should come, who can possibly do so, to the next meeting in January, 1945. To date I have not received the calendars for 1945, however, you can obtain them at a later date at my home.

Fraternally yours,

Frank Tomsich, Jr., Sec'y,
Lodge No. 1, AFU,
Ely, Minn.

Annual Meeting Review of Lodge 168

Helper, Utah. — The annual meeting of the Carbon Miner Lodge No. 168, AFU which was held Dec. 10th was very well attended. Members who did not attend this meeting are hereby notified that the lodge elected the same officers. This is to say, that in the year of 1945, the same board of officers will preside as in the past year. The meetings will also be held as they were in the past, that is, every second Sunday of the month at 2 p. m. in the John Skerl Hall in Spring Glen.

As you already know, the lodge does not have any special income, but has expenses every month. That is why it was decided at the annual meeting that during 1945 every member of our lodge will pay five cents more to the lodge treasury. Members who send their dues by mail are asked to respect this decision.

In conclusion, I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Supreme Officers and to every member of the American Fraternal Union.

John Yakovich, Sec'y,
Lodge No. 168, AFU,
Helper, Utah.

Notice to Members of Napredok Lodge

Euclid, Ohio. — The members of Lodge No. 132, AFU are hereby notified that assessments will be collected on Saturday, Dec. 23rd from 6 to 8 p. m. at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave.

Adelyne Cecelic, Treas.,
Lodge No. 132, AFU,
Euclid, Ohio.



American Fraternal Union Members Serving Our Country



Collinwood Boosters First War Casualty



Cleveland, Ohio. — "It really never hurts so much until it hits home." This phrase has been heard so often and it certainly showed its strength when it struck the Laurich family.

It was a terrific shock when Mrs. Frances Laurich received a telegram stating, "We regret to inform you that your husband, Pfc. Lud Laurich was killed in action." Lud had been overseas for the past ten months. He was a member of the Collinwood Boosters Lodge No. 188, AFU since he was old enough to belong. Lud died for his country on a battlefield in France. Our sympathy to all mothers, fathers, wives and relatives who have received such telegrams.

Lud can well be remembered in the field of sports throughout Cleveland, Euclid, Barberton, Struthers and other cities. He was noted for his pitching prowess and bowling ability. In 1939 he pitched our lodge team to a city AFU championship. For three years he was high average bowler for the Collinwood Boosters.

Two weeks ago we read in "News of AFU Yanks", how much he enjoyed reading the articles in the Nova Doba.

Pfc. Lud Laurich is survived by his wife, Frances, nee Slossar; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laurich of 15717 Saranac Rd.; three sisters, Mrs. Anna Kovach, recording secretary of Lodge No. 103, AFU; Mary, and Mrs. St. James; brothers, Tony and John and five nieces and nephews.

In closing we hope that Pfc. Lud, a loyal AFU supporter, shall find peace in the foreign country where he is resting; peace for which he fought so the rest of us might enjoy it. We shall ever remember him!

Tony Strazisar, Member,
Lodge No. 188, AFU.

Review of Annual Meeting of Lodge 2

Ely, Minn. — At the regular meeting of Lodge No. 2, AFU which was held Dec. 10, 1944, the officers of the lodge were very pleased with the large attendance. It made it better for our lodge president, Joseph Champa, to conduct this meeting at which much business had to be transacted. The lodge bought a twenty-five dollar War Bond and donated five dollars to the Christmas seal drive.

The officers elected for 1945 are as follows: Joseph L. Champa, president. (This makes 20 years for Joe, keep it up! President Roosevelt has nothing on you); Matt Stariha, vice-president; Anton Knapp, secretary; Frank Bachar, treasurer; John Mehle, recording secretary. (Giving competition to Mr. Champa, with a record of 15 years to his credit); Dan Bohince president of the board of trustees; Anton Pirsh and Anton Kozar, trustees; Frank Koschak, sick committee member, and representatives to the Yugoslav National Home are Louis Champa and Frank Bachar. Frank L. Dejak is the athletic advisor and Dr. Jack Grahek is the lodge medical director.

Our regular monthly meetings for the coming year will be held every second Sunday of the month at the J. N. Home at 7 p. m.

A this time I wish to announce that our lodge lost a member, Brother Frank Urbas, Sr., who passed away Dec. 3, 1944. He was 77 years old and a member of Lodge No. 2, AFU for over 30 years. The deceased was the father of our former treasurer, Stanley Urbas. Lodge No. 2, AFU expresses its sincere sympathy to his wife, Ann Urbas, and his family.

The new officers ask the co-operation of every member this coming year and are asking them to attend the lodge meetings. They wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Fraternal yours,

Anton Knapp, Sec'y,
Lodge No. 2, AFU,
Ely, Minn.

BRIEFS

Lodge 101, AFU of Walsenburg, Colo. will hold a social on Dec. 24th at the Pavilion Hall. The net proceeds will be used for the servicemen's homecoming fund. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Office of War Censorship Washington, D. C., does not permit newspapers to carry the complete address of servicemen serving overseas when accompanied by an article as to their whereabouts. Therefore, anyone wishing to write to any of our AFU Yanks should contact the servicemen's families for their addresses.

Grandfather: "When I was your age, my ambition was to have a gig and a girl."

Father: "When I was a boy I wanted a flivver and a flapper."

Son: "Well, Pop, I'll take a plane and a Jane."

Remember Pearl Harbor! Buy U. S. War Savings Bonds!

Office of the Supreme Secretary of A. F. U.

\$30.00 AWARD FOR FIVE NEW JUVENILE MEMBERS???
Is it possible? Yes, entirely possible!
The special Christmas juvenile membership campaign drive called by the Supreme Board is nearly at a complete—STANDSTILL.

As of the date of the writing of this article, December 14, there has been so little response to our call that I shall not all be surprised if the first, second or third award, \$30.00, \$20.00 or \$10.00, is captured by a lodge that shall not have enrolled more than five members into the juvenile department.

What an excellent opportunity for our local lodge secretaries! And not only for them; other individual members, too, are presented with it. Will you let it go by?

Ask yourself if it is really and actually impossible to enroll at least six new juvenile members in your community. Look around and about, to your neighbor, to your neighbor's neighbor, to your fellow-worker in the factory, in the mine, in the mill, in the foundry. Don't be ashamed to approach him. You can't offend him by offering him a proposition that is absolutely on the level; honest, fair and needful. The insurance agent doesn't hesitate to ask him every week, in many instances every day, you ask him at least twice. Suggest to your friend a new type of Christmas present for his youngster this year—a membership certificate in the juvenile branch of the American Fraternal Union. It will cost him only 15 cents a month and will insure the child up to \$450.00 in case of death.

Try your luck. Test your ability. Avail yourself of the opportunity which is present on the occasion of the Christmas holidays. Customarily beginners have better luck than old-timers. Try yours. Start at once!

ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary.



In my behalf and in behalf of the Supreme Board of the American Fraternal Union, I wish to express sincere season's greetings to all members of our fraternal organization, combined with the wish for prosperity and good fortune to all in the year of 1945. We hope that a year hence, we shall be able to exchange greetings of this season in peace, health and contentment.

JANKO N. ROGELJ, Supreme President, AFU.

To all Supreme Officers, Supreme Judiciaries and to all members of the American Fraternal Union I wish a merry and contented Christmas holiday and a fortunate New Year.

FRANK TOMSICH, JR.,
Assistant Supreme Secretary AFU.

May health, prosperity, brotherhood, peace and contentment be enjoyed by all members of the American Fraternal Union, to the fullest extent. These are my season's greetings.

LOUIS CHAMPA, Supreme Treasurer AFU.

Members of the American Fraternal Union! May good health and good fortune abound in your homes in this season and may the New Year bring all of us the hoped for peace and renewed prosperity.

DR. F. J. ARCH,
Supreme Medical Examiner AFU.

As we enter the Holiday Season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those whose friendship and confidence mean so much to us. I am thankful to all the Supreme Officers, Delegates attending the recent General Convention, Lodge Officers and adult and juvenile members of the American Fraternal Union for your friendship. May the spirit of Christmas renew our faith and hope, and the New Year bring Victory to our Nation and Peace on Earth.

FRANK E. VRANICHAR, 1st Supreme Trustee AFU.

I wish a Merry Christmas holiday and a healthy and fortunate New Year to all delegates of the 17th regular convention and to all members of our American Fraternal Union. May the New Year bring us victory and peace and may all our members who are scattered on all continents and oceans of the world return among us healthy and happy!

MATT ANZELC, 2nd Supreme Trustee AFU.

May Victory, before another year rolls by, reunite us all with those we cherish, who cannot join us this Christmas because their task is not yet finished. Let our gift to them be an unremitting effort to do our share at home—for their gift to us is the ever brightening promise that when another Yuletide comes they will have won the world-wide battle for Peace on Earth.

F. J. KRESS, 4th Supreme Trustee AFU.



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Review of Annual Meeting and Presentation of Lodge No. 132, AFU

Euclid, Ohio. — Dear members of Napredok Lodge No. 132, AFU: First of all, in behalf of the lodge, I would like to thank everyone who attended the annual meeting. By doing so you have showed us that the lodge is near and dear to your hearts and at the same time, that you are proud of our members who are serving in the U.S. armed forces.

Just before the lodge president concluded the annual meeting, he announced that the memorial plaque of our heroes would be unveiled. The unveiling followed, which was a most beautiful scene. All members present stood at attention in honor of our servicemen. John Cecelic, Jr. and Bernice Prosen, members of our Juvenile Department, unveiled the plaque while Valentine Grill played on his accordion, the songs, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America." The memorial plaque was praised by the members who thanked Sister Adalyne Cecelic for her beautiful gift. Our servicemen will also be grateful to her when they return.

We were very happy to have among us that evening, Sister Frances Erzen, Associate Editor of Nova Doba. We are grateful to her for accepting our invitation and hope that she will visit us again.

After the unveiling ceremonies, a social and dance was held, as is customary among the Slovenes. (Sister Erzen, do your feet hurt from dancing?)

At the annual meeting many important decisions were made for the benefit of the lodge and the Union. The following board of officers were elected for the year 1945: Ludwig Prosen, president; John Tanko, vice-president; John Cecelic, secretary; Adalyne Cecelic, treasurer; Anna Prosen, recording secretary, and Anna Slopko, Frank Chukanje and Louis Sajovec, trustees.

Now I would like to ask something of the members which I hope no one will deny me. For the month of December, a Juvenile Membership Campaign has been initiated. That is why everyone should look around and try to enroll a new member. If each member would enroll at least one new member, it would be a nice New Year's gift to the American Fraternal Union. All children of our members and our friends should be insured. Monthly assessments are very reasonable and in case of misfortune, the insurance comes in

handy. Anyone, who for some reason or another, cannot go after a new member but knows of a prospective member, should notify the president or secretary and they will visit them and try to enroll the new member. At the conclusion of the year 1944 and the beginning of the New Year we shall be able to be proud of the progress of our lodge.

I further recommend to our members to make a new year's resolution that during the year 1945 they shall attend the lodge meetings. There are only 12 meetings a year and certainly each one can give an hour or two for visiting the lodge meetings. The only excuses for not attending should be illness or work. We all get the same benefits from the lodge therefore we all have the same obligations. The lodge is like one big family and the lodge business is more successful if all lodge members cooperate. If any member feels that an injustice is being done him, the lodge meeting is the place to clear this up. Everyone can contribute to the progress of the lodge with good suggestions and advice. More people always know more. The affairs of the lodge are the affairs of all members, not only lodge officers.

During these times we are all busy and usually tired as well, after our daily work. This goes for the lodge secretary as well as the rest of us. Let us try if possible to ease his work by paying our assessments on time. Let us remember that he must worry about all our members while we worry about only ourselves and our families.

Our regular monthly meetings will be held in the future as they have been in the past, every second Friday of the month at 7:30 p. m. Everyone, whenever possible, should come to the meeting and pay their assessments there. By doing so we shall save the secretary much work. Besides this, we shall become better acquainted with one another and enjoy ourselves in true fraternal spirit. Let each one of us resolve that our lodge "Napredok (Progress)" shall also in the future be worthy of our beautiful name. In conclusion, I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members, and especially those who are serving in the U. S. armed forces. Fraternal regards,

Anna Prosen, Rec. Sec'y,
Lodge No. 132, AFU,
Euclid, Ohio.

Lodge 144 to Hold Annual Meeting December 24th

Detroit, Mich. — The annual meeting of Lodge No. 144, AFU will be held on Sunday, Dec. 24 in the usual place and will begin at 10 a. m. All members are hereby invited to attend this important meeting if they possibly can do so. We shall have to elect officers for the coming year and transact other lodge business which usually takes place at annual meetings.

In conclusion I sincerely thank all those members who, during my term as secretary, have cooperated with me and I wish them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I also wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all supreme officers, supreme judiciaries and all members of the American Fraternal Union. Fraternal regards and I'll be seeing you at the meeting.

Mike Bohar, Sec'y,
Lodge No. 114, AFU,
Detroit, Mich.

Something To Think About

The holidays are just a few weeks away. With them comes the seasonal rejoicing. Judging from past experience, the police know that over the holidays automobile accidents increase. That is why they regard the last three weeks of December as the most dangerous time of the year for motorists and pedestrians.

During this critical period, snow, sleet and wet slippery pavements are added hazards. These bad weather conditions greatly increase the chance of accidents. For example: A car traveling at 20 miles per hour on icy streets may take over 150 feet to stop after the brakes have been applied. This in part explains why it's much harder to be a safe driver or careful pedestrian in the winter time.

At such times, it is necessary to drive with "extra" care—to drive soberly—and to drive with due regard to weather conditions. Such precautions make the difference between safe and dangerous driving. Your best assurance of safety in the weeks ahead is to put the above suggestions into practice.

—Cleveland Police Dep't

YUGOSLAV RECEPTION HELD

Committee Is Seeking Clothing and Food for a Relief Ship

A reception was held Dec. 6, to open new headquarters at 58 Park Avenue for the American Committee for the Yugoslav Ship, a division of the War Relief Fund of Americans of South Slavic Descent.

A program of Yugoslav songs was presented by Mme. Zinka Milanov of the Metropolitan Opera Company and a Yugoslav chorus, Lieut. Col. Louis Anthony Neveloff of the Army Air Forces, Louis Adamic and William Gailmor were guests of honor. Hostesses included Mrs. Zlatko Balokovic, Mme. Irina Baronova, Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. Sidney H. Borg, Mrs. Samuel L. M. Barlow and Mrs. Edward M. M. Warburg.

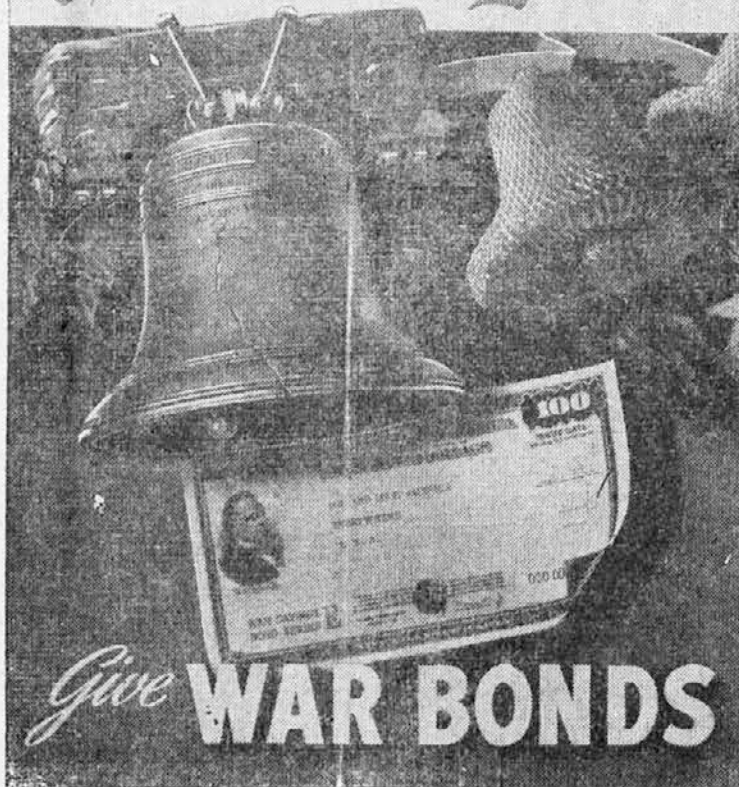
The committee is appealing to the American people for gifts of clothing to fill a relief ship for the liberated areas of Yugoslavia.

—N. Y. Times

THE ENEMY IS STILL THERE!

Keep Buying Extra Bonds!

For Liberty and Peace on Earth



Standing of Chicago Bowling League

ENDING NIGHT OF DEC. 8, 1944

Name of Team	Won	Lost	cap	Pins	Aver.	Game	High Series
1-Gottlieb Florists	20	13	0	20,500	621.07	742	2,008
2-Hujans Tavern	16	17	3	20,357	616.29	675	1,961
3-Liberty Bell, No. 70	16	17	5	20,261	613.32	718	2,018
4-New Market-Blue I. Hotel	14	19	4	20,305	615.10	722	1,974

TEAM LEADERS—3 GAMES

1-Liberty Bell, No. 70 AFU	2018
2-Gottlieb Florists	2008
3-New Market-Blue Isl. Hotel	1974

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS—3 GAMES

1-Dolmovich, Louis	571
2-Kovacic, Frank	520
3-Krapenc, Anton	509

TEAM HIGH SINGLE GAME

1-Gottlieb Florists	742
2-New Market-Blue Isl. Hotel	722
3-Liberty Bell, No. 70	718

INDIVIDUAL HIGH SINGLE GAME

1-Dolmovich, Louis	220
2-Kovacic, Frank	210
3-Poupa, Frank	209

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Bowler's Name	Team Name	Games Played	Total Pins	Aver.	High Game
1-Kovacic, Frank; No. 2, Hujans		32	5209	162.28	210
2-Dolmovich, Louis; No. 3, New Market HTV1		33	5274	159.27	220
3-Stopar, Andrew; No. 4, Liberty Bell		33	4928	148.10	206
4-Bruckman, Max; No. 1, Gottliebs		30	4355	145.05	199
5-Zorko, Jennie; No. 3, New Market Hotel		33	4723	143.04	197
6-Poupa, Frank; No. 1, Gottliebs		30	4193	143.03	209
7-Krapenc, Anton; No. 4, Liberty Bell		30	4273	142.13	205
8-Gottlieb, John; No. 1, Gottliebs		30	4017	133.27	193
9-Panisko, Stephen; No. 4, Liberty Bell		33	4267	129.10	167
10-Jingle, Walter; No. 2, Hujans Tavern		33	3989	120.29	185
11-Bruckman, Ernest; No. 2, Hujans Tavern		27	3257	120.17	182
12-Podraza, Martha; No. 4, Liberty Bell		24	2850	118.18	148
13-Obiak, Joseph; No. 3 New Market-B. I. H.		30	3405	113.15	162
14-Hujan, John; No. 2, Hujans Tavern		33	3677	111.14	148
15-Spolar, Andrew; No. 3 New Market Hotel		31	3324	107.17	153
16-Baskovitz, Frances; No. 2, Hujans Tavern		33	3186	96.18	136
17-Krapenc, Anna; No. 1, Gottliebs		27	2721	100.21	133
18-Goste, John; No. 1, Gottlieb Florists		3	289	96.01	115
19-Benkovich, Geo.; No. 3, New Market Hotel		33	3014	91.11	127
20-Globekar Mary; No. 4, Liberty Bell		33	2645	80.05	125

CARDINAL HIGHLIGHTS

Struthers, Ohio. — At the annual meeting of Lodge No. 229, AFU, which was held on Dec. 10, 1944, we elected the following officers for the year of 1945: John Pogacnik, 32 Grace St., Struthers, O., president; Joe Zlogar, 173 Bon Air Ave., Youngstown, O., vice-president; Jennie Millosin, 26 Prospect St., Struthers, O., secretary-treasurer; Lillian Glavic, 26 Prospect St., Struthers, O., recording secretary; and Mary Pogacnik, Mary Zlogar and Jennie Cikulin, auditors. Dr. Youman, Bridge St., Struthers, Ohio was elected lodge medical advisor. Meetings will be held every second Sunday of the month at the home of Brother John Pogacnik, 32 Grace St., Struthers, Ohio at 2 p. m. Fraternal regards to all.

Jennie Millosin, Sec'y,
Lodge No. 229, AFU,
Struthers, Ohio.

With Sincere Appreciation

Center, Pa. — In the hour of our sorrow in the loss of our beloved nephew, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mozina, we wish to thank the secretary, Paul Obloek and treasurer, Frank Kalik and other members of Lodge No. 221, AFU and all the other friends for everything they did for us.

Mozina Family,
Center, Pa.

ARMY CASUALTIES TOTAL 461,058

Washington. — Secretary of War Stimson announces that Army casualties as reported to Nov. 15 totaled 461,058. Broken down into categories, these showed:

Killed	89,840
Wounded	258,106
Missing	57,514
Prisoners	55,593

Of the wounded, 124,533 have been returned to duty.

Cash Awards

The American Fraternal Union pays awards for newly-enrolled members on both departments. They are as follows:

The awards are as follows for the Adult Department:

For Plan "D" insured for \$250 death benefit, \$1.50 award;	
For Plan "D" insured for \$500 death benefit, \$2.50 award;	
For Plan "D" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$5.00 award;	
For Plan "D" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$7.00 award;	
For Plan "D" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$9.00 award;	
For Plan "D" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;	
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$250 death benefit, \$2.00 award;	
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$500 death benefit, \$3.00 award;	
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$6.00 award;	
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$10.00 award;	
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$13.00 award;	
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$18.00 award.	

Awards for enrolling new juvenile members:

For Plan "JA" \$1.00 award; for Plan "JB" \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award for Plan "JE" for \$250 insurance, \$1.50 award; for Plan "JF" for \$500 insurance \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award.	
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All members who enroll new members in the adult or juvenile departments of the American Fraternal Union are entitled to these awards. The awards will be paid when the new members have paid six months dues.

News of AFU Yanks

(Continued from page 5)

a Happy New Year, wherever they may be, in all various combat fronts of the globe, and the members back home who are backing up the home front 100%.

"By the way there are plenty of sports and recreation facilities here. Would like to hear from some of the members. Fraternally yours,

"John 'Trosky' Urbancic."

This week we hear from Corp. Steve Babich who writes as follows:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters of the AFU: I wish I could know all of you. I want you to remember the boys in the service and I thank you all for sending me Christmas cards as well as to the rest of the boys. Now folks, from the bottom of my heart I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, especially to all AFU members serving in the armed forces everywhere. I haven't much to tell you for I have much work to do.

"I wish to thank Mrs. Frances Erzen for the Christmas card. Please folks, write to me when you have time. Oh yes, Miss Elsie Desmond, please write to the Nova Doba for many of the boys would like to hear from you again. It might be a long time before I get a chance to write again so good-bye and God bless all of you, and our fighting men of the U. S. Armed Forces.

"Your friend,

Corp. Steve Babich, 15322552,
326th A. P. Unit,
Camp Ellis, Ill."

Frank R. Meze, 20, commissioned Ensign Nov. 30, graduated from Midshipmen School, Cornell University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meze of Lebanon, Pa., and member of Lodge No. 159, AFU of Cornwall, Pa. The newly-commissioned blue-jacket graduated from Lebanon High School in 1942 and attended Lebanon Valley College. He completed the Navy V-12 program at Franklin and Marshall College.

Congratulations, Frank, and we wish you much success in the future. The AFU is certainly proud of you!

Sgt. Bokal, his wife and baby boy, are visiting their families and friends in Cleveland, Ohio. Sgt. Bokal is home on leave from Camp Shelby, Miss. He is a member of the Collinwood Boosters Lodge No. 188, AFU and his wife and baby are members of Lodge No. 103, AFU. Friends who wish to visit them may do so at the home of Sgt. Bokal's parents, E. 157 St.

We know there will be a happy Christmas at the Bokal home and Sgt. Tony has a chance to see snow again after four years.

Sabotage

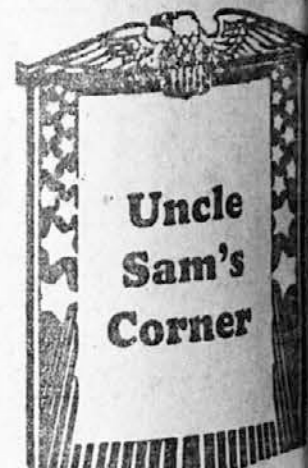
The scene is a train compartment in Romania. The characters: a German officer, a Romanian officer, an old lady and an attractive girl. The train enters a tunnel. The passengers hear first a kiss, then a vigorous slap. The train emerges into the light again. Everyone remains silent, but the German officer has a black eyes.

The old lady thinks: "What a good girl is, such good manners, such a fine moral character."

The girl thinks: "Isn't it odd that the German tried to kiss the old lady and not me?"

The German thinks: "That Romanian is a smart fellow—he steals a kiss and I get hit."

The Romanian thinks: "I am a brilliant fellow. I kiss the back of my hand, hit a German officer, and get away with it."



Yarn Released by WPB for Children's Clothes

The War Production Administration assigned 2,000,000 pounds of cotton yarn to help ease shortage of infants' and children's underwear and sleep garments.

Simultaneously, Chairman A. Krug estimated that future production of these garments will meet at least 80% of current demand, noting that the location would assure the manufacture of an additional 13,000,000 undergarments and sleeping garments for children.

Arms Total Revealed in Appeal for More

Enough bullets have been made since Pearl Harbor to 3,500 at every Axis soldier. This third anniversary find embattled American arms needing more.

A glimpse of the munitions produced by the U. S. in 1941's day of infamy was admitted recently, while the furious expenditure brought closer the day of reckoning and caused the government appeal for greater production.

The cost of the war to Dec. 1, 1941 through last October, was reckoned by WPB at \$215,773,000,000, the bulk of for munitions and the rest for pay, subsistence and other necessary government outlays.

Plenty of Christmas Trees

"Few Christmas trees were cut in 1941." From this whisper year came the ruthless destruction of millions of unused greens. Thousands of trees went after a few easy dollars and bought huge supplies set up Christmas tree stands vacant lots and on street corners. Then when Christmas Day dawned, discouraged buyers abandoned mountains of unsold evergreens for redepartments to dispose of.

This year, the Department of Agriculture predicts a bumper crop of CHRISTMAS TREES. A typical Christmas uses 15 million trees about half from the Pacific Northwest and most of the from the Lake states. New Zealand and Canada. Last year Canada shipped five million.

Back on Markets:

Those two million ironing boards for this year are all sold so that women everywhere get a chance at them.

Home deliveries of orange juice will be started again, it was announced by Sunkist distributors. Juice quick frozen, shipped to distributors, melted and delivered.

A teacher was giving a lesson on charity.

"Willie," he said, "If I saw a boy beating a donkey, I would stop him, what virtue would I be showing?"

Willie: "Brotherly love."

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JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Christmas in Many Lands

Christmas has been celebrated in many various ways in many different lands for centuries. This year, of course, in many lands occupied by the enemy, Christmas will be a sober, quiet celebration due to lack of foodstuffs and toys.

First we shall discuss the Christmas season in Slovenia and the way in which our parents and grand-parents celebrated it when they were youngsters. Of course in various parts of Slovenia, the custom changes but as a whole the celebration is closely similar in all parts of the land.

St. Nicholas Day, Dec. 6th, was the real Santa Claus day for children. On the night before, that is Dec. 5th, the children would place a "pehar" (straw bowl) or dish on the window sill before going to sleep. The young boys would sometimes put their hats on the sill. Upon awakening the next morning the good children would find baked dainties, apples, dried fruits, Johnnybread, nuts and sweets. In some places there would also be an orange and dried figs which were considered a rare delicacy. However, if the child was bad then he might find a turnip or carrot or a whip instead. This was the great day for the children.

For Christmas Day, a replica of the manger and the Christmas story was set up. The "jaslice" or manger as we call it, would be set on a shelf in the corner. Behind it would be a hill of moss upon which paper figures of shepherds and their flocks would be set. Behind the hill of moss, a small Christmas tree would be placed and on it were decorations of gilded walnuts and hazelnuts, bright colored stars made of paper and sometimes strings of tinsel.

The children, however, had another day after Christmas which was observed and at which time the children would also receive more goodies. This was on Dec. 28th, the Childermas (Feast Day of the Holy Innocents) in memory of the children killed by Herod. On this day the children would take baskets and a long switch and set out to celebrate "tepežni dan" which can best be translated "whipping day" which is similar to the "boxer day" celebrated in other countries at various times. The children would go from house to house and threaten to whip the people unless they were given something to fill their baskets. They would receive nuts of many kinds, sweets, dried fruit or apples. This was a great day for the children and part of the Christmas celebration in Slovenia.

Christmas in Russia, the land which covers one-sixth of the land surface of the globe, was celebrated in various ways depending upon the region in which the people lived. We do not have stories of their Christmas season celebrations of late but the stories we do know of were the old time celebrations.

There are certain general features of the Yule-tide observance that are typical of the country. One is the singing of their ancient "Kolyada" songs, composed centuries ago by writers who are unknown. In some places a maiden dressed in white and drawn on a sled from house to house while her attendants go with her and sing the Kolyada. On Christmas Eve it is customary for the people to fast until after the first service in church. On "Velikideni"—Christmas—the people partake of an early meal. In some parts of the country it is customary to send invitations to guests to visit for the day. The "Fair Maidens" come in first and bring cakes and sweetmeats and gifts. Then they all sit down and have their main meal for the day.

In France, early in December, wooden booths are erected in the shopping district and Christmas goods are put on display. The Yule log is a custom observed in France. Children leave their shoes beside it on Christmas eve and find it filled with peppermints and candy the next day. Yuletide in France begins on St. Barbara's Day, Dec. 4th, when it is customary to plant grain in little dishes of earth. If the grain comes up and is flourishing at Christmas, the crops will be abundant. Each dish of fresh, green grain is used as a center-piece on the dinner table. Several days before Christmas, children go into the woods and fields to gather laurel, holly and bright berries which they use in building the "creche" the representation of the holy manger which they build on a little table. On Christmas day they sing the carols, or the famous Noels of their land. The children place their "sabots" or shoes, on the hearth for the Christ-child to fill with gifts on Christmas Eve.

The Scandinavian countries observe the Christmas season each in their own way. The northern limit of Scandinavia is Norway. In the farthest North is the country of the Lapps. Their Christmas is a plain, drab one. In their homes there is no room for the pretty trees or other decorations. The joy afforded these people at Christmas is in the reunion of their friends attending the Church services and the uniting of couples in marriage. Their Christmas is not a merry, bright, festive occasion but it is to them the happiest in the year. But the Lapps are only a small part of the population of Norway. Norwegian children have many jolly times around the Christmas trees and usually have to hunt for their little gifts which are often tucked away in various places. They often think of their Scandinavian cousins, the Icelanders, to whom Christmas is also a great day. They have fun and sing around their Christmas tree.



In Italy, the Christmas festivities begin in November when the flowers are yet in bloom. City streets and shops are crowded with people buying their Christmas gifts. During the "Novena" or eight days before Christmas, in some provinces, shepherds go from house to house asking if Christmas is to be kept there. If it is, they leave a wooden spoon to mark the place and then on Christmas return with musical instruments and sing the Nativity songs to the people. The manger is called the "presepio" in Italy and it is made as beautiful as the owner of the house can afford. During the Novena, the children go about reciting Christmas pieces, receiving money from those who listen to them. The "ceppo," or Yule log is lighted at two o'clock the day before Christmas. Their presents are drawn from the "Urn of Fate" which contains the presents. Yule tide in Italy has been up to the present time principally a church festival.

We must remember that Christmas in the far-away lands this year will be a very different one than in the years past, due to the war. This year we will think of the children in occupied lands and hope and wish for



The editors of the Nova Doba wish all AFU Juveniles a very merry and joyous Christmas. We also add that we hope the New Year will bring you much happiness and the best of fortune.

Juvenile Letter Box

Euclid, Ohio — Hello Everybody! I am John Cecelic, Jr. of Euclid, Ohio. I am a member of the Napredok Lodge No. 132, AFU. I am 8 years old and in the third grade and go to St. Paul's School. I go to school by bus.

Across the street from our home, all the children in the neighborhood made a large ice pond. The city of Euclid sent some men out Saturday to flood the pond. We can hardly wait until it freezes so the older children can go ice skating and the younger ones play with their sleds.

I have three uncles in the service, two are in the army and one in the navy. I am very proud of them, as I know they are fighting for all of us, so that we may keep on being a free country.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all juvenile members. I would like to hear from some other boys of the AFU. Yours truly,

John Cecelic, Jr.
Lodge No. 132, AFU
Euclid, Ohio

A fly and his mother were walking on the head of a man who was very bald.

"How things change, my dear!" said the mother. "When I was your age, this was only a little patch."

Bobby—Gee, I'm awfully hungry.
Jane—What did you have for dinner?
Bobby—Company.

ATTENTION! JUVENILES!
Now that Christmas will soon be here we know that all you AFU Juveniles will have much to tell us as to how you enjoyed your Christmas and what you did during the holiday season. Why not write to the Juvenile Page of the Nova Doba and let us know how you spent your Christmas holidays and what you did. We would like to hear from you AFU Juveniles. Won't you drop us a line and let us share your letters?

Send all letters to:
Nova Doba, Juvenile Page
6233 St. Clair Ave.
Cleveland 3, Ohio

them, freedom from oppression which we hope shall come soon, so they can again return to their own ways of celebrating the Christmas season. We in America are the luckiest children in the world, for we shall still celebrate our American Christmas in the traditional manner.

Frances Erzen

CHRISTMAS JUVENILE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Supreme Board of the American Fraternal Union has opened a Christmas Juvenile Membership Campaign which is now in effect. AFU Juveniles can tell their friends and playmates about our Union and ask them to get their parent's permission to join the AFU. Let's go Juveniles, and let's tell our friends all about it! The campaign will last throughout the month of December.

ELY REVIEW

By Margaret M. Startz

Ely, Minn. — Hello everyone! Here's hoping you are all okay and doing your share to bring peace sooner and normal living conditions.

I saw a news reel at our State theater of the Cleveland, Ohio fire that recently took place. It is certainly too bad that so many lives were lost and so much damage done. It is indeed too bad for we are losing many lives on the battlefronts and it makes it hard for everyone.

Sgt. Joseph M. Gornick is home on furlough after serving three years in the European theater of war. He entered the service in April, 1941 and saw action in the African Campaign and in Italy. He wears the Purple Heart for wounds received, the infantry combat badge, a pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, a Good Conduct Medal and the European Theater of War campaign ribbon.

Pfc. Tony J. Stukel was awarded the Bronze Star medal for conspicuous valor on the field of battle. He was wounded on June 7th in an undisclosed place of action in the Pacific.

My brother, Pvt. Fred J. Startz, wrote to us saying that he is somewhere in Southern France. He says they are having the rainy season there now. On his trip over he was not one bit sea-sick but that the ocean was very calm except for the two days when they ran into a terrible storm.

Egt. Clarice Kobe is serving in New Guinea with the WAC detachment of the Army Signal Corps.

Pfc. Frank Baltich saw a jeep bearing the name of "Ely, Minn." in France. We are happy to know that Ely is remembered on the battlefronts of the world.

Cpl. Albert S. Grahek is in France driving an ambulance which was presented to the army by the 4-H Club of Virginia. Cpl. Grahek is an Elyite and the son of a 100% AFU family.

My cousin, Pvt. Bernard L. Grahek, is home on a furlough from Los Vegas, Nevada.

Our town has been having a pretty damp spell and everyone you meet seems to be having a cold. I, for one, would rather have snow than this damp weather.

My brother Joseph, left for the Veterans' Hospital for treatment. Now with my sister Florence in Washington and brother Fred across the sea, it is pretty lonesome at home. I listen to the radio and do my school work, practice on the piano and read to pass the time away.

How are you juveniles enjoying our Juvenile Page? Please write in, boys and girls, and tell us about it. I, for one, enjoy it very much. I love to read the Hobby Corner; I know that all of you have some sort of hobby, so why don't you write in and tell us about it? We would like to know how you are

coming along with it, etc. The stories in the page are swell, in fact, the Page as a whole is marvelous. I know you juveniles appreciate our Page, so why don't you show your appreciation by writing to the Nova Doba once a month. I wonder if you really know how much work it is to plan and prepare for this page every month, and how fortunate we are to be given this chance to write. Please write and ask your friends to write also. I for one, would like to have Mrs. Frances Erzen's photo appear on our page each month. She is our English editor and does everything she can to give us youngsters a chance to get together by writing to the Juvenile page. What do you say, juveniles? Wouldn't you like to see a photo of Mrs. Erzen? I think this would help us get better acquainted. If you enjoy this Page, write in and say so.

Marie Vranicar, I was just looking over my scrap book and I saw a picture there cut out of the "Zarja" of your sister Bernadine, who was selected "princess" for the "Fiesta Day" in Joliet, Ill. She certainly is a darling.

Looking further on in my scrap book, I came upon the picture of the juvenile delegates to the AFU convention in Ely, Minn. You were a delegate also and I remember attending the band concert with you, Marie, we certainly had fun on the steam boat. Your mother was so nice that it was a pleasure to know her and all of you folks. It was the AFU that helped us to meet and become friends. So Marie, do not let the AFU down but please write to our Page and help start the ball rolling, for as soon as a few more write in others will begin to write also. How about it Marie?

A daughter was born to T/Sgt. and Mrs. John Golovich on Nov. 24th at Minneapolis, Minn. She was named Sharon Marie. Mrs. Golovich's maiden name was Marie Sekula. Sgt. Golovich is my cousin and is now stationed somewhere in France. Congratulations!

Mrs. Mary C. Rom of Ely has received a life membership certificate in the V. F. W. national home at Eaton Rapids, Mich. It was awarded to her in recognition of her outstanding work in the V.F.W. auxiliary membership campaign.

Lieut. Commander Joseph Veranth was home on a ten-day furlough. His new address is: Public Works Dept., Great Lakes, Chicago, Ill. Mr. Veranth had been overseas for more than two years.

Mr. Ralph Toms celebrated his birthday with a dinner party at his home. Congratulations, Mr. Toms.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. This goes to all the Juveniles, Supreme Officers and Mrs. Frances Erzen.

Please Pay!

Mac—I don't like to face bills.
Tavish—I don't like to foot them!

HOBBY CORNER

Here is a hobby which should interest every young girl. Did you ever try making your own jewelry? Well, here are a few ideas on how to do it.

Style 1: Buy a dime sack of shell macaroni and some red and blue ink. Put on a pair of heavy gloves. Heat an ice pick or any other sharp instrument, over a gas flame until very hot. Hold the pick against each shell. It will quickly burn a neat round hole through it.

Now dip the shells into the various colored inks, diluted with water if you want them a lighter shade, or leave them as they are, if you want a dark shade. Let them dry. Then if you want them to shine, dip into shellac. Then string them on raffia or a colored cord, using a large needle. For a bracelet of the same kind, loop each shell onto the cord and sew onto a piece of elastic, letting them dangle. This makes an interesting piece of costume jewelry which makes a nice Christmas or birthday gift.

Style 2: Pirate Necklace. Collect bottle corks in all kinds of shapes. Paint them yellow, red, and green by dipping them into ordinary paint or enamel. Pierce holes as you did for Style 1 necklace and string on pieces of rough cord or leather. This makes a very dressy necklace.

Style 3: Mexican Necklace. Pierce holes through the top of your red, yellow and blue corn kernels, and string on heavy cord. This makes another interesting, inexpensive piece of jewelry.

Style 4: Jitterbug Jewelry: This is so-called because it makes a clicking-clacking noise when you walk. Collect a number of small wooden spoons and paint them different colors. String them on a piece of velvet ribbon or leather cord, making a knot between each one. Tie them together with a bow at the back of the neck. This necklace can also be autographed by your friends. They can scratch their names on each spoon and when you get home, you can go over the scratched names with ink.

Recently I heard of a new hobby which is not only fun but also a money-making idea. Can you imagine making beautiful bowls for fruit and candy out of old unwanted phonograph records? Yes, it can be done. For those who would like to try this interesting hobby I shall be glad to tell you how to do it.

First you put on an old pair of gloves and dip one section of the phonograph record into a basin of very hot water. As this section gets soft, lift it out, and mold it into a desired shape and then let it cool to harden. Then turn the record around and repeat until all the sides are done. Do NOT attempt to do the whole record at once. You can shape it into petals like flowers, or into a shape of a four-leaf clover, a triangle bowl and other various patterns.

Next you fill up the hole in the center of the record with putty, of course this is done when the record is cool and hard again.

Finally you are ready to paint the bowl any color you wish, with ordinary oil paints or enamel. Do NOT use lacquer. For a final touch you can add Decalcomania transfers, (those pretty patterns which are sold very reasonably in the five-and-ten cent stores.) The result will be a useful bowl which costs only a few cents and which you can sell for 50 cents.

Frances Erzen

I know that many of you AFU Juveniles have various hobbies. Why not drop us a line and tell us what you are doing? We can give each other ideas and tell each other what success we've had with our hobbies. Address your letters to Hobby Corner, Nova Doba, 6233 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland 3, O.

Tongue Twister

Can you read this verse fast without getting your tongue all twisted up? All right, let's try it!

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers;
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.
If Peter Piper picked a peck of

pickled peppers,
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

Boy—Mother, may I change my name?

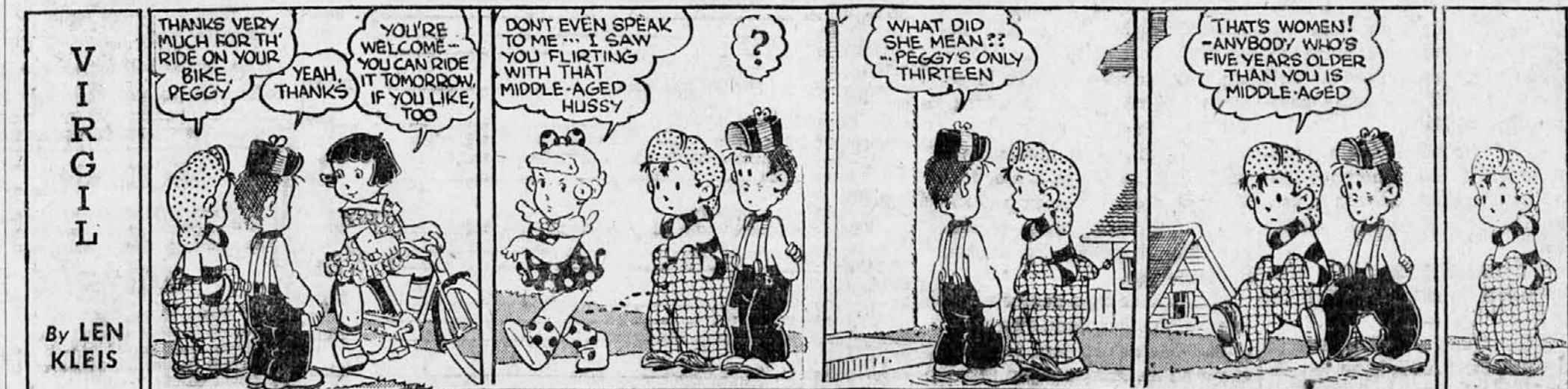
Mother—For goodness' sake, why?
Boy—Because Dad said he'd spank me as sure as my name was Ronald.

Visitor—Do you live here, little girl?
Girl—No, this is my aunt's house.
Visitor—Oh, are you?
Girl—No, R. I.

A lady took her little girl to town for the first time and bought her a banana. The little girl ate the peeling and then asked, "What shall I do with the cob?"

Mother: Mrs. Smith has a new baby.

Mary: But, mother, what is she going to do with the old one?



REG'AR FELLERS—Pipe Down!



A LITTLE SEED

can plant some little seed of love, later on will blossom in a smile, matters not however else I fail, life will be worth while.

can do some kindly act, later on may soothe some sad heart's pain, matters not what else I do, life will not have been in vain.

DOPISI

Euclid, O. — Cenjeni člani in članice društva Napredek, št. 132 ABZ! Najprej se v imenu odbora prav lepo zahvalim vsem, ki ste se udeležili letne seje. S tem ste pokazali, da vam je v resnici pri srcu vaše društvo in obenem tudi, da ste ponosni na naše članice in članice, ki služijo v vojnih silah Zedinjenih držav.

Predno je predsednik zaključil letno sejo, je v nekaj besedah povedal, da zdaj se bo odkrilo spominsko ploščo tem našim junakom. Sledilo je odkritje, kar je bil res lep prizor. Vsi navzoči so vstali v počast omenjenim. John Cecelic, Jr., in Bernice Prosen, člana mladinskega oddelka, sta z zastavama v rokah stopila vsaki na eno stran plošče in jo odkrila. Valentin Grill pa je zaigral na harmoniko "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "Star Spangled Banner" in "God Bless America." Članom je plošča jako ugajala in so se lepo zahvalili sosestri Adelyne Cecelic za njeno krasno darilo. Tudi naši člani v vojaški službi ji bodo hvaležni, ko se vrnejo med nas.

Zelo smo bili veseli, da je bila pri tej priliki med nami tudi sestra Frances Erzen, pomožna urednica Nove Dobe. Hvaležni smo ji, da se je odzvala našemu vabilu, in upamo, da še pride med nas ob kakšni priliki.

Po zaključnem slavnostnem odkritju spominske plošče se je razvila prosta zabava s plesom, kot je navada med Slovenci. (Sestra Erzen, ali te kaj noge boljijo od plesa?)

Na letni seji je bilo sprejetih več važnih zaključkov v korist društva in Zveze. Za leto 1945 je bil izvoljen sledeči odbor: Ludwig Prosen, predsednik; John Tanko, podpredsednik; John Cecelic, tajnik; Adelyne Cecelic, blagajničarka; Anna Prosen, zapisničarka; Anna Slapko, Frank Chukanje in Louis Sajovec, nadzorniki.

Sedaj naj pa še povem neko mojo prošnjo do članov, katere upam, da mi ne bodo odklonili. Za mesec december je razpisana kampanja za vpisovanje novih članov v mladinski oddelke, zato naj bi vsak nekoliko pogledal okoli, kje bi bilo mogoče dobiti katerega novega mladinskega člana. Ako vsak vpiše vsaj enega, bi bilo to zelo lepo novoletno darilo za Ameriško bratsko zvezo. Vsi otroci naših članov in naših prijateljev bi morali biti zavarovani. Mesečni asesmenti so zelo nizki, v slučaju nesreče pa zavarovalnina zelo prav pride. Kdor sam iz enega ali drugega vzroka ne more iti za novimi člani, pa ve za katerega prosičnega novega člana, naj sporoči predsedniku ali pa tajniku, pa bosta ona dva stopila na označeni naslov in se potrudila, da novega člana vpišeta. Ob koncu leta 1944 in ob začetku novega leta bomo vsi ponosni na napredek našega društva.

Dalje priporočam članom, da napravijo novoletni sklep, da se bodo v letu 1945 udeleževali društvenih sej. Saj je samo 12 sej na leto, in enkrat na mesec more že vsak žrtvovati uro ali dve za poset seje. Edini izgovor za neudeležitev naj bi bila bolezen ali delo. Od društva imamo vsi enake koristi, ne samo odborniki, zato imamo pa do društva tudi enake dolžnosti. Društvo je kakor ena velika družina in gospodarstvo je najbolj uspešno, če vsi družinski člani sodelujejo. Ako kateri član sodi, da se mu godi kakšna krivica, je društvena seja za to, da se zadeva pravilno in pošteno reši. Vsak lahko kaj prispeva k napredku društva tudi z dobrimi nasveti in priporočili. Več ljudi vedno več ve. In zadeve društva so zadeve vseh članov, ne samo odbornikov.

V današnjih časih smo vsi zaposleni in navadno smo vsi utrujeni od dnevnega dela. To velja

tudi za društvenega tajnika. Skušajmo mu torej kar mogoče olajšati njegovo delo s tem, da tečno plačujemo naše asesmente. Pomnimo, da on mora skrbeti za vse članice, mi pa samo za nas in naše družine.

Naše mesečne seje se bodo tudi v bodoče vršile kot dosedaj vsak drugi petek v mesecu ob pol osmih (7:30) zvečer. Vsak, kateremu je le mogoče, naj bi prišel na sejo in tam plačal svoje asesmente. S tem se prihrani mnogo dela tajniku. Poleg tega se bomo medsebojno bolj izpoznali ter se obenem v bratski družbi razvedrili. Zavzemimo se vsi, da bo naše društvo "Napredek" tudi zanaprej vredno svojega lepega imena. — K sklepu voščim vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto vsem članom in članicam, posebno pa še onim, ki služijo v vojnih silah Zedinjenih držav. Sestrski pozdrav!

Anna Prosen, zapisničarka, društva št. 132 ABZ.

Ely, Minn. — Na letni seji društva Sv. Cirila in Metoda, št. 1 ABZ, ki se je vršila 10. decembra, je bil za leto 1945 izvoljen sledeči odbor: Charles Merhar, Sr., predsednik; Joseph Shikonija, Sr., podpredsednik; Frank Tomsich, Jr., tajnik; Frank Kotzian, Sr., blagajnik; Joseph J. Peshel, zapisničar; Joseph Shikonija, Jr., Joseph Mishmash in Marko Dusich, nadzorniki. Društvene seje v prihodnjem letu se bodo vršile v spodnjih prostorih Jugoslovanskega narodnega doma vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob 1. uri zvečer. Koledarjev za leto 1945 še nisem prejel; kadar mi bodo doposlani, jih bodo člani lahko dobili na mojem domu. Letne seje se je udeležilo zelo malo članov, kljub temu smo razpravljali o raznih zadevah. Po seji so bila servirana okrepčila. Člani so vabljeni na prihodnjo sejo v januarju. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 1 ABZ:

Frank Tomsich, Jr., tajnik.

Helper, Utah. — Letna seja društva Carbon Miner, št. 168 ABZ, ki se je vršila 10. decembra, je bila povoljno obiskana. Člani in članice, ki niso bili na letni seji, naj bodo tem potom obveščeni, da je društvo dalo zaupnico sedanjemu društvenemu odboru in ga ponovno izvolilo. To se pravi, da bo v letu 1945 posloval ravno isti odbor kot je v tekočem letu. Tudi se je se bodo vršile kot dosedaj, to je vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob 2. uri popoldne v dvorani Johna Skerla v Spring Glen.

Kot znano, nima društvo nikakih posebnih dohodkov, stroške pa vsaki mesec, zato je bilo na letni seji sklenjeno, da v letu 1945 vsak član in članica našega društva plača mesečno pet centov za društveno blagajno. To naj upoštevajo posebno tisti člani, ki pošiljajo svoje asesmente po pošti.

K sklepu želim vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto vsemu glavnemu odboru in vsemu članstvu Ameriške bratske zveze.

John Yakovich, tajnik društva št. 168 ABZ.

Ely, Minn. — Redna seja društva št. 2 ABZ, ki se je vršila 10. decembra, je bila dobro obiskana, kar je bilo v zadovoljenje društvenim uradnikom, posebno pa še predsedniku Jos. Champi. Sklenjeno je bilo, da kupimo en vojni bond za \$25.00 in da podarimo pet dolarjev za božične znamke. Za leto 1945 je bil izvoljen sledeči odbor: Joseph L. Champa, predsednik (že dvajseto leto, kar znači, da poseka tudi predsednika Roosevelta po dolgotrajni službi); Matt Stariha, podpredsednik; Anton Knapp, tajnik; Frank Bachar, blagajnik; John Mehle, zapisničar (15 let v tej službi, torej le malo zaostaja za društvenim predsednikom); Dan Bohine,

Anton Pirsh in Anton Kozar, nadzorniki; Frank Koschak, bolniški nadzornik. Louis Champa in Frank Bachar sta zastopnika za J. N. Dom; Frank L. Dejak, zastopnik za atletiko; dr. Jack Grahek, društveni zdravnik.

V prihodnjem letu se bodo vršile naše redne seje vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob 7. uri zvečer v J. N. Domu. Upam, da jih bodo člani v obitem številu posekali.

Pri tej priliki naj tudi poročam, da smo dne 3. decembra izgubili dolgoletnega člana Franka Urbasa, starejšega, ki je bil član našega društva nad 30 let. Pokojni sobrat je bil 77 let star ter je bil oče našega prejšnjega blagajnika Stanleya Urbasa. Zalujočim ostalim naj bo v imenu društva izraženo iskreno sožalje.

K zaključku želim vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto vsem!

Anton Knapp, tajnik društva št. 2 ABZ.

Lloydell, Pa. — Člani in članice društva Sv. Petra in Pavla, št. 35 ABZ, so vabljeni, da se polnoštevilno udeležijo glavne ali letne seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 24. decembra v Društvenem domu, in se bo pričela ob 1. uri popoldne. Na dnevnem redu bodo volitve društvenega odbora za leto 1945 in druge važne zadeve, ki morajo biti rešene na tej seji. Na svidenje na seji 24. decembra, in bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 35 ABZ:

Joseph Arhar, tajnik.

Euclid, O. — Članstvo društva Napredek, št. 132 ABZ, naj bo tem potom obveščeno, da se bo pobiral asesment v soboto 23. decembra od 6. do 8. ure zvečer v Slovenskem domu na Recher Ave.

Adelyne Cecelic, blagajničarka.

Waukegan - No. Chicago, Ill. — Seja odbora, članov in delavcev WRFASDD, ki so tako pridno delali v kampanji pobiranja obleke in denarnih prispevkov, bo v nedeljo 31. decembra ob 1. uri popoldne. Vsi so prošeni, da pridejo k seji točno ob 1. uri popoldne, ker imajo nekateri uradniki še druge opravke nekaj pozneje. Da je bila kampanja uspešna, je razvidno iz dejstva, da se je nabralo nad 6 tisoč funtov raznih oblek in istočasno skoraj \$2,700.00 v gotovini. V imenu odbora naj bo izražena najlepša hvala za vse prispevke. Z delom bo seveda tretja nadaljevali in glede tega se bomo pogovorili v nedeljo 31. decembra na seji v Slovenskem narodnem domu. — Za odbor:

Joseph Zorc, tajnik.

Detroit, Mich. — Letna seja društva Triglav, št. 144 ABZ, se bo vršila v nedeljo, 24. decembra v navadnih prostorih in se bo pričela ob 10. uri popoldne. Vsi člani in članice so tem potom vabljeni, da se udeležijo te važne seje, če jim je le mogoče. Voliti bo treba odbor za prihodnje leto in ukrepati o raznih zadevah, ki pridejo na dnevni red letne seje.

K sklepu se lepo zahvaljujem vsem tistim članom in članicam, ki so mi tekom mojega tajnikovanja šli na roke, ter jim želim vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto vsem glavnim in potnim odbornikom in vsem članom in članicam Ameriške bratske zveze. Bratski pozdrav, in na svidenje na seji! — Za društvo št. 144 ABZ:

Mike Bahor, tajnik.

Ely, Minn. — Zopet je prišel veseli božični in novoletni čas, zato se moram spet enkrat oglašiti v našem priljubljenem glasilu, Novi Dobi. Najprej želim vsem članom in članicam ABZ vesele božične praznike in srečno

brez vprašanja poljubi moškega, ki ga sreča pod omelo.

Omelo je najti mnogokje po našem srednjem zapadu, posebno po sadovnjakih po starih jabolanih. Mnogo se je dobi tudi v Alabami, kjer so obširni hrastovi gozdovi, po starih hrastih. Razmnožuje se s semenom, katerega vsebujejo bele jagodice. Nekateri ptiči radi zobljejo te jagodice ter na krempljih ali kljunih ali kako drugače preneso semena v razpoke vej drugih dreves. Ako seme najde pravo mesto v razpoki lubja, vzklita in se pozneje preživlja s sokom drevesa. Omela ali mistletoe je torej nekaka rastlinska kukavica.

Dan tisti se že približuje, da fantje ko vojakom gredo, in mati potico že snuje, da bodo jo vzeli s sebo.

In očka že štejejo d'narje; za rajšo pripravljeno so, da vsaki napolni si žep: brez d'narja bi lušno ne b'lo.

Oj, ljub'ca, le zdrava ostani, podaj mi še enkrat roko, na me pa nikdar ne pozabi, čeravno kdo drugi tvoj bo."

Torej, le korajžo, fantje, in očistite s sveta strupeno golazen nacizma in fašizma! Tudi jaz bi se vam pridružil, če bi ne bil prestar.

Louis Markovich.

O BOŽIČNEM ZELENJU

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

V severni in zapadni Evropi pa je omela smatrana za nekako čarobno rastlino še iz poganskih časov. To odličnost je omela prinesla tudi v Ameriko oziroma so jo prinesli priseljenici iz severne in zapadne Evrope. V božični sezoni se tu vejica omela včasih obesi nad vrati oziroma nad prehodom med dvema sobama, in za dekoracijo velja pravica, da sme vsak moški poljubiti žensko, ki jo sreča pod to čarobno vejico, in ne sme biti ugovora; enako pravico ima ženska, da

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(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Ženo v eno šele leta 1872. Buda je staro mesto, na desni strani Donave. V drugem stoletju po našem časovstvu je bila to rimljanska naselbina, imenovana Aquincum. Buda je postalo glavno mesto Madžarske leta 1361; od leta 1541 do 1686 so mestu gospodarili Turki. Zgodovina modernega dela mesta Pest sega v 13. stoletje.

Pod Habsburžani je madžarska državna polovica Avstro-Ogrske monarhije vladala ne samo Madžarom, ampak tudi Slovačkom ter velikemu številu Hrvatov, Rumuncem, Nemcem in Slovencev v Prekmurju. Po zadnji svetovni vojni je bila Madžarska prištevana na 35,875 kvadratnih milj in na 8 in pol milijona prebivalcev, po večini Madžarov.

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